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Harlem Summerstage brought more soul to Harlem Week.

# Harlem Summerstage brings soul during Harlem Week



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The Harlem state of mind is once again upon us, this time with serious Summer of Soul energy. Harlem Week is once again shining a spotlight on the neighborhood's unique culture, with an emphasis on style, food and, of course, music.

From legacy community artists like Clean Money Music and Bobby Sanabria to rising stars like Jaay Parks and Shauney, Harlem Summerstage is showcasing something from everybody in 2025 every Thursday night in August.

Harlem Week consists of a series of live entertainment and economic and social development programs, culminating with a six-hour outdoor festival.

Described in press materials as "A Saturday of non-stop fun on the streets of Harlem," Summer Streets

is also participating in the festivities with two block party events. Being watered, grown and rooted in the iconic Manhattan neighborhood, Harlem Week is the moment to show the world the vibrancy of today's Harlem. Dietrice Bolden spoke about the Harlem Week planning process: "We started organizing Harlem Week for 2025 last year. It takes a lot of work, we have to get sponsors and co-sponsors and everyone: supporters, the music, the artists, making sure we're all over the court."

Taking place at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, Harlem Summerstage features performances from a wide variety of local artists. Last Thursday's concert hosted both funk guitarist Keith "The Captain" Gamble and the National Jazz Museum in Harlem House Band led by Christopher McBride.

These performances are a part of the Harlem Music Festival. Jazzmobile and the Central Park Conservancy also presented Great Jazz on the Great Hill last Saturday, featuring performances from internationally acclaimed artists in Central Park.

Yet Thursday's show was a bittersweet affair. Lloyd Williams, cofounder of Harlem Week, died at 80 years old on Aug. 6. Winston Majette, the Executive Director of the Greater Harlem Chamber Of Commerce, said in a statement, "For more than 50 years, Lloyd has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life and shape both the cultural and economic identity of not just Harlem but the city as a whole."

With the Harlem Music Festival initiative, encompassed by Harlem Week's myriad live performances, the organization's directors have created something

that evokes the same sense of pride in the community that Harlem felt during the original Harlem Cultural Festival of 1969.

"We just want to make sure there is an eclectic mix of music, from R&B to jazz to gospel," says Bolden. "Jazzmobile, under the direction of the beautiful Robin Bell-Stevens, who has also been a great supporter of Harlem Week and sits on the board of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, puts together Great Jazz on the Great Hill."

"Jazzmobile was founded in 1964, and we are the oldest not-for-profit organization in the country that was created with a mission just for jazz," says Bell-Stevens. "We've been doing free programming for 60 years. Besides concerts, we have education programs that we do, including workshop programs and a residency in a Title I school in the Bronx, or the Celia Cruz Bronx

High School of Music."

This festival is being built by the people who live, work and are from the community; organizers have rolled out a number of events around the city, including Senior Citizens Day, Men in the Arts and Mental Health and National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes community-police partnerships. This year's main sponsors include Amazon Access, Chase Bank, Northwell Health, West Harlem Development Corporation, Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Mount Sinai, Columbia University and the City College of New York.

A Great Day in Harlem featured emerging entertainment, the Gospel Caravan and a special musical salute to the soul and blues band Kool and The Gang by the Jeff Foxx Band, plus a Concert Under The Stars

featuring the Harlem Week All-star Band.

"Personally, for me, one musical moment that stood out to me over the course of my time here is when we honored Kirk Franklin at A Great Day in Harlem," says Bolden. "He came by himself and we were just giving him an award, but the spirit hit him, and he got on the keyboard and he didn't have a choir with him, so me being an artist, I grabbed a mic and I was able to join Kirk Franklin on stage. It was a marvelous, wonderful musical moment for me."

Whether you were at the original 1969 festival or just caught the energy walking past the plaza, Harlem Week is ready to take center stage. And in true Harlem fashion, it's not just a concert, it's a movement.

Harlem Week officially began on Aug. 1 and continues through this Sunday, Aug. 17.

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# A Harlem subway station now bears the name of civil rights icon Malcolm X



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A popular subway station in the heart of an iconic Manhattan neighborhood has been renamed to honor racial justice advocate and prominent civil rights leader Malcolm X, Gov. Kathy Hochul and other elected officials announced on Sunday.

The subway station at 110th Street and Central Park North was renamed on Aug. 10 to 110th Street-Malcolm X Plaza during a ceremony at the Harlem-based station, which is home to the 2 and 3 trains.

During the event, which took place during the 51st annual Harlem Week celebration that runs through Aug. 17, Hochul signed S1204/A5339 legislation

into law that acknowledges the station's renaming.

Malcolm X lived in Harlem for over a decade, first in 1943 and then from 1954 until his assassination at age 39 in 1965. Born in Nebraska, he lived in several foster homes growing up. He also spent time in prison for criminal activities, including robbery.

He often preached in Harlem and spoke at major universities, including Harvard, according to biographical accounts.

Hochul also signed into law S7152A/A8220A, a bill that designates the Harlem Renaissance Cultural District as a region of cultural significance.

"One of the best ways to celebrate the rich history and community of Harlem is to recognize the contributions of Malcolm X and the Harlem Renaissance

to New York and to the world," Hochul said. "From the struggle for civil rights and equality to boundary-breaking cultural impacts of American icons like Zora Neale Hurston and Duke Ellington, Harlem has been at the center of progress in our nation for generations."

Hochul described this year's Harlem Week as "bittersweet" since the death of the event's co-founder, Lloyd Williams, on Aug. 5.

"It is especially meaningful to be here as we celebrate Harlem Week and mourn the passing of its co-founder, Lloyd Williams, whose life was dedicated to championing this community," she said.

NYC Transit President Demetrius Chrichlow put a spotlight on Malcolm X's legacy and aligned it with the mission of the transit system.



PHOTO BY OFFICE OF GOV. KATHY HOCHUL

Governor Kathy Hochul signs legislation renaming the subway station on the 2/3 lines at 110 St as 110 St-Malcolm X Plaza Station on Sunday, Aug 10, 2025.

"Malcolm X stood for freedom and equality, principles that directly align with our mission at NYC Transit," he said. "Now when riders come to the renamed station, they'll be reminded of its namesake's unwavering commitment to civil rights and the importance of standing up for what you

believe in."

Many Harlem community leaders attended the outdoor event, including local community board chairs and members.

Victor Edwards, chair of Manhattan Community Board 9, described Malcolm X as a "visionary leader" and "true inspiration" for

the iconic neighborhood.

"The renaming of the 110th train station to the Malcolm X Plaza is truly an appropriate way to carry his legacy forward," Edwards said. "It is our hope that all those passing through the plaza will recognize the brilliance of this remarkable American leader."

## Harlem's 135th Street set to be renamed in honor of Harry Belafonte



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A portion of 135th Street in Harlem will soon be renamed in honor of civil rights activist Harry Belafonte.

The renaming honors Belafonte's deep connection to Harlem, where his work both on and off the screen continues to inspire new generations to come.

Belafonte, born and raised in Harlem, worked his way to becoming successful in the music and film industry. After dropping out of George Washington High School to serve in the Navy, he returned to New York City and worked as a janitor's assistant.

It was on 135th Street that Belafonte realized what he was destined to do. At work, he was given tickets to the American Negro

Theatre (ANT), which was located where the current Schomburg Center resides.

After the show, he knew that theatre was his calling.

Belafonte's film career took off with his role in Carmen Jones (1954), a film that featured an all-Black cast, helping pave the way for Black actors in Hollywood.

He went on to star in numerous films and became the first African American to win an Emmy for his 1959 special of Tonight with Harry Belafonte.

In addition to his acting career, Belafonte made waves in the music industry with his 1956 album, Calypso.

Calypso music is a style of Caribbean music that originated from Trinidad and Tobago. According to the National Museum of African American History &



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A section of 135th Street in Harlem is going to be renamed for Harry Belafonte. Culture, Belafonte exposed Americans to Calypso music and sold over one million copies within a year.

But Belafonte's influence went far beyond entertainment. Belafonte was a tireless civil rights activist, working very closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., being an organizer of the March on Washington, and helping finance many civil rights initiatives.

According to the New York Times, he was inspired by people in the Navy to study Black history. He was introduced to various African American authors, one of them being W.E.B. Du Bois.

"Harry Belafonte did everything he could to help civil rights. He believed in having everyone be treated in the same manner," said Sid Howard, walking coach for the New York Road Runners Striders program.

In recognition of his lifelong contributions, this is not the first time Harlem is honored Belafonte.

In 2016, the New York Public Library branch on 115th Street was renamed the Harry Belafonte Library for his commitment to fighting toward equal education.

Four years later, in 2020, Belafonte donated his personal archives to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. His photos, manuscripts, letters and more are now preserved there for the public to learn and admire.

Belafonte's influence continues to be felt in Harlem today. Though he passed away in April 2023 at the age of 96, his work remains a source of inspiration for many in the community.

"It means everything to the community... It's an amazing thing to honor the heavyweights of what came before us," Broadway star Patina Miller said.





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# Percy Sutton 5K celebrates 15 years of *Harlem pride in stride*



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The NYRR Striders participate in the 2025 Percy Sutton Harlem 5K in Harlem, New York City.



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August 9, 2025: The NYRR Striders participate in the 2025 Percy Sutton Harlem 5K in Harlem, New York City.



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On Aug. 9, 2025, the streets of Harlem came alive as thousands gathered for the annual Percy Sutton Harlem 5K, a highlight of Harlem Week.

At 8 a.m. on Edgecombe Avenue, runners took their marks. The excitement was tangible as participants, young and old, prepared to race through the streets of West Harlem.

"This is my first year racing in general...and doing this one felt extra special, because it's in my neighborhood," said Joanna Gutierrez, a first-time Percy Sutton 5K runner. "It's just great energy all around."

Hosted by New York Road Runners, the event welcomed more than 5,200 participants, marking the largest number of finishers since the start of the race in 2009;

with more than 50 high school girls from NYRR's Run for the Future program running their first 5k alongside Broadway star Patina Miller, who mentored girls through a six-week educational program.

"For me, it feels great to be able to be one of the ambassadors of this program. Being able to serve as a coach and a mentor to these young girls in high school right now at the start of their running journeys... was worth everything."

Alongside the Run for the Future program, nearly 200 members of the Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and hundreds of young athletes from ages two to 18 participated under the Rising NYRR youth program.

And among the diverse groups participating in the event, more than 160 older adults celebrated the 15th anniversary of the New

York Road Runners' Striders program.

Launched in 2010 at Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem, the Striders began as a small walking group for seniors but has now expanded into a full-on community. What started with just 100 participants has now reached 53,000 over the past 15 years.

The program offers weekly walking sessions across all five boroughs and empowers older adults to not only stay active, but connected.

Sid Howard, a coach with the Striders since the start, says he has watched the program help seniors realize their potential.

"I've seen it grow by the fact that a lot of seniors had no idea they could actually do what they can do. The most important thing about the seniors, I tell them, you don't know what you can do until you

do it...We got seniors in the 70s that could run a marathon."

At 9:30 a.m., the Striders were already buzzing with excitement. As the music played, many members were seen dancing and laughing, ready to take on their 1-mile walk.

Among the Striders was Gertrude Lane, a truly special participant who has been with the Striders program since the very beginning. At 96 years old, Lane makes this event a priority in her calendar.

"Every year I do the same thing, and I like it because I meet new people, and I think it's beautiful," says Lane.

Lane's passion for running comes from the guidance she receives from her coach. She met Myna Majors approximately 17 years ago through a fitness program, and their bond has only grown stronger.

"I'm Gertrude's coach, Gertrude's friend, and she is a family member," said Majors. "She makes me who I am."

Their connection was not the only thing that improved over the years — Lane's abilities have as well. "She has not slowed down, never. In fact, she has improved and grown from day one, from the time that I met her."

Lane said that Majors is a main reason why she returns.

"I decided to stick with it because I learned a lot of things that I haven't heard before. I'm taught well, especially with my coach."

Lane's journey began in Charleston, South Carolina, where she was born before moving to Harlem. After attending City College, she became an assistant principal.

Beyond her professional achievements, Ger-

trude is deeply involved in her church, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, where she has formed more lifelong friendships, some of whom were there to hug and cheer her on as she walked.

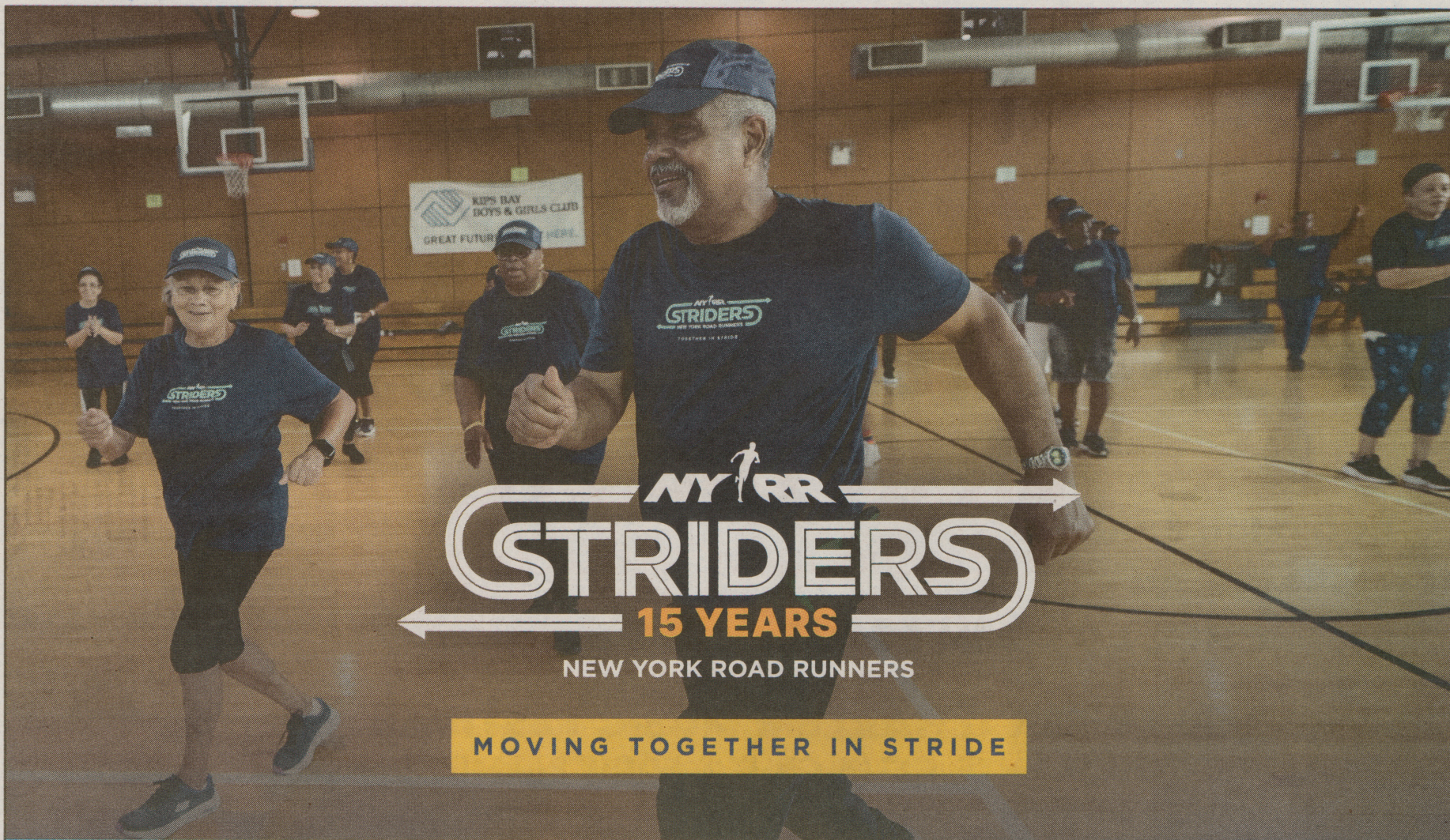
"It feels great," Lane said when reflecting on the support she received as people cheered her on during the race.

Majors, who has witnessed the energy of the Percy Sutton 5k firsthand for over 15 years, admits that the sense of community is one of the event's most rewarding aspects.

"The community, the feeling, the wonderful buildings, the people, everything about it," Majors said about the neighborhood. "Everyone's like, I'm so happy to be here. There's no division here. You don't see any kind of negative energy, only positive energy, and that's what we need."

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Quick hits on the news of the day

## TAYLOR SWIFT

### TO SPORTS FANS: LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

Taylor Swift just crashed the "New Heights" podcast—and she knows exactly what she's doing. In an Aug. 13 teaser, the Grammy winner told hosts Travis and Jason Kelce she's there to give "male sports fans" exactly what they want: "more of me." Cue the cheeky smile, the brotherly banter, and Jason's reminder that she's "the most requested guest in the history of shows." Magic, madness, heaven, sin—this cameo's got it all.



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### WEEKDAY SUBWAY CHANGES



- 1** No service to/from Van Cortlandt Park-242 St Thursday from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- G** No service between Bedford-Nostrand Aves and Court Sq overnight
- L** No trains between Myrtle-Wyckoff Aves and Atlantic Av Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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|         | up +20.82 (0.32%)  |
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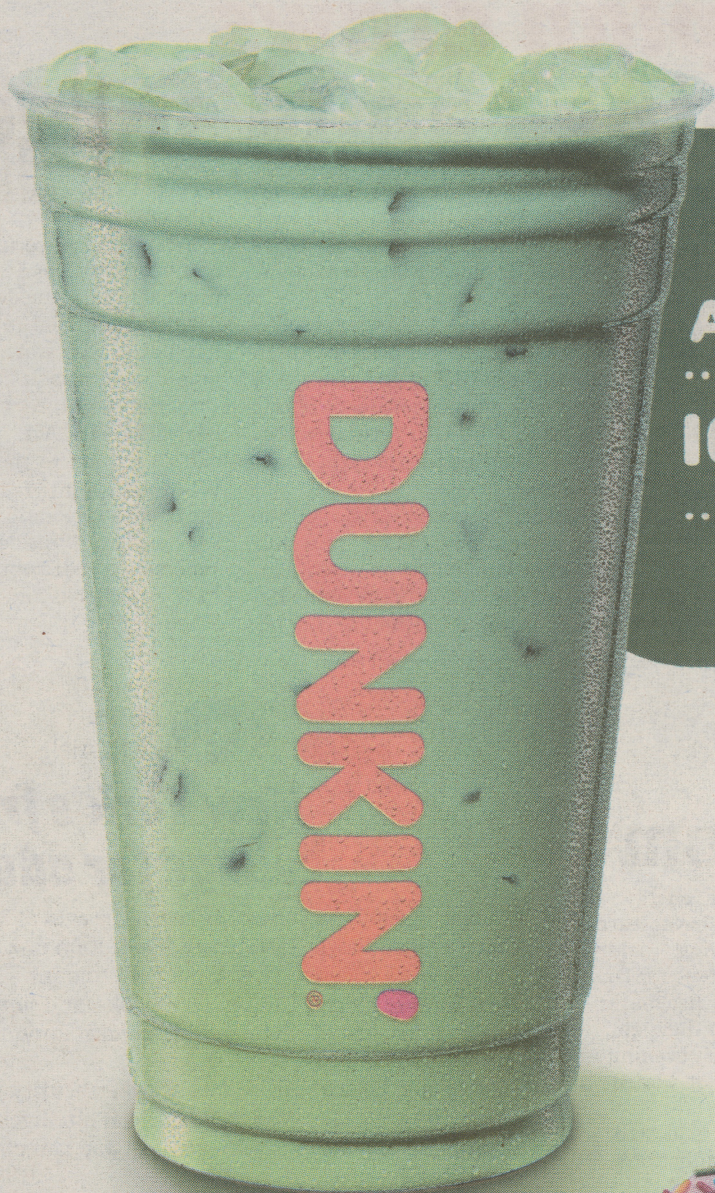
## On this DAY in History...

(Source: Britannica)

- 2003:** A massive power outage hits NYC and the northeast United States and Canada, leaving millions in the dark.
- 1995:** Shannon Faulkner becomes the first female cadet to enroll at The Citadel, which had previously been an all-male military college in South Carolina.
- 1945:** President Harry Truman declares V-J Day after Japan's unconditional surrender, bringing World War II to an end.
- 1935:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act into law, creating a system of old-age benefits for workers, as well as unemployment insurance and aid for dependent children.
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## 2 QUICK HITS: Who's the boss?

- **Who's in charge here?** As troops arrive, command of D.C. police gets murky—city politics meets federal muscle.
- **High, dry, and dicey:** Denver bakes under a long heat wave—fire danger flickers red.
- **Courtroom drum-roll:** Appeals judges greenlight Trump's freeze on foreign aid... policy purse strings snap shut—for now.
- **Weather desk:** Erin's no ingenue—storm tracks to hurricane status by week's end; islands on edge, East Coast surf up.
- **Bottoms up?** Not quite—only 54% of U.S. adults drink alcohol now, a modern low; the culture shifts, glass by glass.
- **Marching orders:** ABC spots Guard deployments in Washington—monuments guarded, tempers guarded more.
- **Across the pond, with U.S. eyes watching:** Britain vows “unwavering” Ukraine support on the leaders’ call—subtext aimed at Alaska.

## 1 THE BIG STORY:

# Trump debt plan draws praise, warnings amid surge

President Trump has floated several ways to address the national debt: paying it down through tariffs, proceeds from his “Golden Visa” scheme, and economic growth fueled by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

America's national debt surpassed \$37 trillion this month—years earlier than forecast. Pandemic-era spending accelerated the climb, with the U.S. adding \$1 trillion every five months, noted Michael A. Peterson of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation.

“During a time of economic growth, it is highly irresponsible



to run deficits this large ... we will run through the recent \$5 trillion debt limit increase—the largest

in history—in just two years,” Peterson said. “International lenders are watching, and all three ratings agencies have now downgraded U.S. credit.”

White House deputy press secretary Kush Desai countered: “America's debt-to-GDP ratio has actually declined since President Trump took office ... that ratio will continue trending in the right direction.”

DOGE claims \$202 billion in savings—\$1,254.66 per taxpayer—though debt per capita exceeds \$108,000. Tariff revenue has surged from \$7 billion to \$25 bil-

lion, but that's less than 0.07% of the national debt.

Peterson's concerns are shared by JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon, who calls the debt the “most predictable crisis” in history, and Ray Dalio, who warns of an “economic heart attack.”

Critics point to the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act, projected to add \$3 trillion to the deficit. The White House insists it will reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio from 121% to 94%, saying, “President Trump is supersizing hardworking Americans’ pay checks and restoring fiscal sanity.”

## 3 NOW PLAYING:

# Penelope Road at Bowery Ballroom

Penelope Road will take the stage at the Bowery Ballroom on Wednesday, August 14, joined by special guest Tyler Ballgame. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 18+ show, with tickets priced at \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the performance.

Hailing from Atlanta's vibrant music scene, Penelope Road delivers a sound that's both bold and soulful. Known for their lush, layered vocals, the five-piece group blends '70s rock, funk, soul, and pop into an infectious rhythmic fusion.

The band's dynamic energy and genre-spanning style have earned them a growing following, making this performance a must-see for fans of inventive, high-energy live music. Tyler Ballgame will open the night, setting the stage for a lively evening in one of New York's most storied venues.

The Bowery Ballroom is located at 6 Delancey Street in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

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## 4 LET'S EXPLAIN...

# New York's free college for adults

Some 16,500 New Yorkers between the ages of 25 and 55 have applied for the state's new free-tuition program for adults. Here's what to know about the program:

- New York offers free tuition, fees, books, and supplies for eligible adults ages 25–55 in high-demand community college programs.
- Fields include health care, teaching, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and artificial intelligence.
- The program expands CUNY Reconnect and launches SUNY's version this fall.
- Aims to address shortages in nursing, allied health, and other critical sectors.
- There is no annual cap on applicants, Governor Hochul confirmed.



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## 5 WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

# Backpack giveaway in Brooklyn



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EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care will host a special Back to School Giveaway on Wednesday, August 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Bensonhurst. The event is free and open to the community.

Families can stop by Neighborhood Care at 2482 86th Street for a

backpack and pencil case giveaway—perfect for families gearing up for the new school year. All visiting adults must be accompanied by their child to receive the giveaways.

The event is designed to provide local students with essential school supplies while creating a wel-

coming space for families. Registration is not required, and participation comes with no obligation to enroll in any services.

Giveaways will be available while supplies last, so families are encouraged to arrive early. EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care con-

tinues to offer programs education, and well-being and events that support the community's health,

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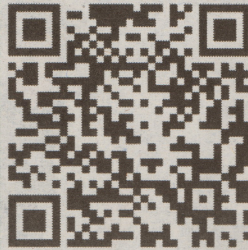


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The alleged gunman whom police officers in Brooklyn shot Tuesday night following a brazen street shootout was a parolee who never should have been out of jail, a prominent police official said.

Standing on Ocean and Church Avenues — not far from where spent shell casings littered the pavement — Assistant Chief Frank Giordano, commanding officer of Patrol Borough of Brooklyn South, confirmed

that police immediately rushed to 533 Ocean Ave at around 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 12.

Cops arrived after two men got into a brazen fire-fight on the street that sent pedestrians fleeing for their lives.

“Our officers ran towards gunfire, and they bravely and immediately confronted a dangerous situation,” Giordano said. “When they heard gunshots and encountered two individuals involved in a shootout. The officers exited their car, they drew their weapons.”

While one of the gunmen took off running, police reported, the responding cops opened fire upon the other culprit, 22-year-old Edynes-

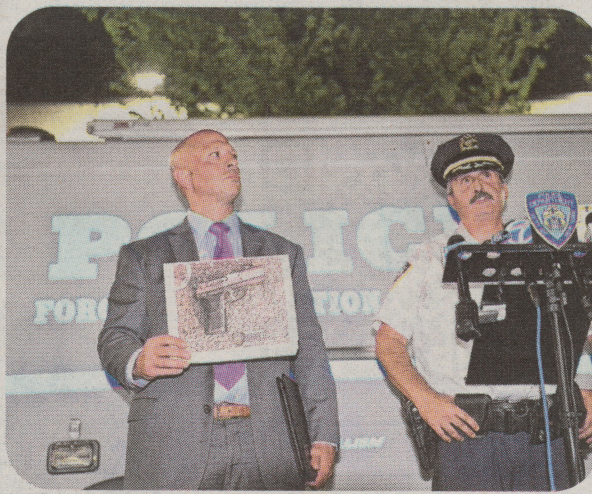


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Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough of Brooklyn South Frank Giordano railed against the criminal justice system after Brooklyn cops shot an armed parolee, who he said should never have been on the street.

son Bauduy, striking him in the leg. He was rushed to Kings County Hospital and is expected to survive.

Police say they recovered a 9mm handgun at the scene.

Although Giordano commended the officers from the 70th Precinct for their actions, he also charged that the violence did not have to happen. He described Bauduy as a violent felon who was out on parole, though he had a long rap sheet dating back several years.

“He was arrested in 2021 at the age of 18 for shooting someone not far from where we are right now, and while that case was pending, he was subsequently released on his own recognizance from custody and arrested again for a violent commercial robbery in southern Brooklyn,” Giordano said.

Bauduy pled guilty to both crimes and received a concurrent sentence, according to Giordano; he was released from prison just two months ago, on June 10. The police official argued that the sentences should have run consecutively.

“If he received a consecutive sentence for his two distinct violent crimes, he would not be out on the streets right now involved in yet another shooting that endangers our public,” Giordano said. “This is a person who has repeatedly shrugged his shoulders at consequences and our criminal justice system.”

Charges against Bauduy for Tuesday night’s incident are still pending.

## Median rents keep climbing in NYC: report



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Rental properties across all of New York City experienced a slight jump in median asking rent from last year during the second quarter of 2025, which spans from April to June, according to a report by Realtor.com.

There was a 3.7% year-over-year increase in asking rent for all New York City properties listed on Realtor.com, from \$3,368 in the second quarter of 2024 to \$3,491 in the second quarter of 2025. This new median rent also represents a significant boost from the pre-pandemic levels in 2019, up 22.4%, from \$2,851.

Demand was much higher for units with up to two bedrooms, compared to those with at least three bedrooms. Such high demand contributed to a fairly large rise in the median rent for these

units. Units with between zero and two bedrooms rose in rent by 4.2%, from \$3,299 in the second quarter of 2024 to \$3,436 in the second quarter of 2025.

While Staten Island’s data is still being reviewed, each of the other New York City boroughs experienced rent increases year-over-year. Brooklyn had the most significant growth, at 6%, from \$3,610 last year to \$3,825 this year. Manhattan had the second-highest jump, at 3.3%, from \$4,425 last year to \$4,569 this year. There was a 2.7% rise in Queens, from \$3,261 last year to \$3,349 this year. In the Bronx, the median rent rose 1%, from \$3,101 last year to \$3,132 this year.

New York City’s overall median rent of \$3,491 accounts for approximately 55% of the income of a typical household in the city, nearly double that of the more commonly accepted 30% affordability threshold.

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## Driver in deadly Queens car crash had stroke weeks earlier: cops



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The senior driver who lost control of his vehicle in a horrific crash Queens on Tuesday that killed him and two other men had suffered a stroke weeks earlier, and never should have been on the road, sources familiar with the case told amNewYork.

According to law enforcement sources, the still unidentified 84-year-old driver had just suffered a stroke two weeks prior and had been advised by his physician not to drive.

Nevertheless, police reported, the senior driver was behind the wheel of a 2010 Toyota Corolla traveling northbound on 19th Avenue and 42nd Street in Astoria on the morning of Aug. 12 when he suffered an apparent medical emergency.

While the exact nature



PHOTO BY DEAN MOSES

Three people are dead after a senior driver hopped a curb and mowed down two pedestrians in a horrific morning crash in Queens on Tuesday.

of the medical episode remains unclear, the victim lost control, causing his car to careen at a high speed into a nearby food truck, ramming into two men in the process who were waiting there.

Police say 41-year-old Joaquin Venancio-Mendez and 70-year-old Santiago Baires were killed in the collision.

The Toyota also bounced back and smashed into a Volvo sedan as the 42-year-old driver of that vehicle was making a U-turn. He was not harmed.

The hellish carnage left eyewitnesses shaken. Blood spatter, human flesh, and body parts, including a human foot, were left strewn amidst chunks of metal and

food from the cart.

“I have never seen anything like this,” one man said with his head in his hands.

Another man told amNewYork in the aftermath that he was inches away from death.

“I was behind the cart with two gentlemen, and all of a sudden, we heard loud screeching tires and a loud engine roar. Someone screamed in shock, like ‘oh my god,’ and I just immediately stepped back without even looking, and a millisecond later, the car mauled the gentleman next to me. The other gentleman ended up going into the car,” GianCarlo Caruso said. “I’d seen his brother screaming and trying to pull the door open. So, I just ran over to the door. I broke the door off, and people kept screaming, ‘Call 911!’”

The NYPD Collision Investigation Squad is still examining the case.





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The Adams administration has proposed building 40 miles of new greenways in the outer boroughs.

## 'Greater Greenways' plan to add dozens of new NYC bike and walking paths



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The city's "Greater Greenways" plan, rolled out on Wednesday, aims to dramatically expand the network of bike and pedestrian pathways through natural spaces and waterfronts around the Five Boroughs.

Cyclists and pedestrians will get more paths to traverse the city without having to dodge vehicular traffic as part of the new plan that the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and other city agencies published on Aug. 13.

DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez discussed details of the plan, which includes dozens of miles of paths that would connect fragmented segments of greenways, parts of the five boroughs used for transportation, recreation, and public access to parks and waterfronts. The greenway network in NYC already consists of 506 miles, made up of 347 miles of off-street

paths and 159 miles of on-street paths.

Greater Greenways maps several areas across the boroughs as potential sites for greenways with paths.

One location includes a continuous north-south route running through Manhattan that would provide cyclists with a pathway by cutting through the city's core.

It would connect neighborhoods, parks and transit hubs, improving access to key destinations while alleviating pressure along waterfront paths like the Hudson River Greenway and East River Esplanade, DOT explained in the plan.

It is unclear if the future greenway bike paths will cut into driving lanes on local streets.

Officials from Mayor Eric Adams' administration said the development of new greenways and designated corridors for cycling and walking is a "top priority" for the city.

Additionally, the city announced in 2023 a planning process for expanding greenways in the outer boroughs with six new

early action implementation plans. Per the plan, the city will build more than 40 miles of new greenways and explore improvements to existing infrastructure along "early action corridors" to expand "safer, greener transportation options" in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island.

"Public spaces create vibrant spaces where New Yorkers can move, play, and thrive, and our administration is committed to increasing access to public spaces like parks and waterfronts for every New Yorker," said Mayor Eric Adams.

The early action corridors will each take about two years to build, with completion planned for 2028.

The DOT said the Greater Greenways plan is the first in over 30 years and details past development of greenways while identifying potential locations for future expansion. The plan also includes "Other opportunities" for integrating greenway projects into transportation planning.

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# Stats show NYC safer than ever, despite Trump takeover threat



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Following President Trump's move to take over the Washington, DC Police Department Monday, the Queens native says he is also eyeing the possibility of taking over the NYPD, citing alleged crime concerns.

"We are going to look at New York," Trump said on Aug. 11 – but examining a quarter-century of crime stats in New York shows that there isn't much for Trump and his administration to look at, because the NYPD has led a significant crime decrease this year and over the last 25 years.

Even with isolated crimes that occur, one could argue that the Big Apple has never been safer. Looking back 25 years to 2000, when Republican Rudy Giuliani was mayor, New York City saw 673 murders and homicides, according to NYPD data. Last



PHOTO BY DEAN MOSES

Even with isolated crimes that occur, NYPD stats indicate that New York City has never been safer in 2025.

year, in 2024, that number shrank to nearly half at 382 with Democrat Eric Adams holding court at City Hall.

Year-over-year, between 2024 and 2025, things are even safer, based on the NYPD crime statistics, with historic lows touted by both

Mayor Adams and Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch.

So far in 2025, there have been 188 murders in NYC from the beginning of the year to Aug. 10, a drop of 23% since the same time last year. The number of shooting victims also fell by over

21% with 530 people being shot compared to 678 in the same time frame, and the lowest in recorded history in July.

Additionally, robbery has fallen by 11%, with 9,076 victims in 2025, while hate crimes fell by over 25%, with 331 victims. So far in 2025, felony assaults have slightly fallen by 1%, with 17,965

victims, while robberies decreased by 11%, with 9,076 victims.

Speaking to amNewYork, Deputy Mayor of Public Safety Kaz Daughtry said that with the current drop in crime, New York is the safest big city in the country.

The city's homicide rate, for instance, was 4.7 per 100,000 residents in 2024 – far lower than Washington, DC's homicide rate of 27.3, according to a Rochester Institute of Technology report.

New York's homicide rate was also a fraction of that of major cities in states that went for Trump in the 2024 presidential election, including St. Louis, MO (54.4), New Orleans, LA (34.7), Indianapolis (23.8), Greensboro, NC (14.1), Dallas, TX (14.0) and Pittsburgh, PA (13.8).

"New York City is the safest big city in America, and the numbers prove it," Daughtry said, noting that "July saw the lowest number of shootings and shooting victims in recorded history ... [and] the lowest crime figures in our subways in

recorded history, when you omit the two pandemic years when few people were riding the trains."

On Tuesday, Gov. Kathy Hochul called Trump's potential meddling an insult to the men and women in blue who work every day to keep the Big Apple safe.

"If he is going to stand there and insult our law enforcement officers, I think there will be people in outrage over that alone," Hochul said.

Mayor Eric Adams, meanwhile, echoed Daughtry's sentiments but said the Trump administration could best help New York by working to restrict gun access and help the NYPD get illegal firearms off the city streets.

"[W]e don't need anyone to come in and take over our law enforcement apparatus," the mayor said. "We have the finest police department on the globe. People come here to be trained and people speak with us to get assistance. ... We got this under control."

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## Two men killed in separate Queens killings on night of bloodshed



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Queens saw a night of bloodshed on Tuesday after two men were murdered in separate incidents just over an hour apart, police reported.

According to police sources, the first incident unfolded inside an Ozone Park home located near the corner of 103rd Street and 101st Avenue at around 7:44 p.m. on Aug. 12.

Officers from the 102nd Precinct rushed to the residence after receiving a 911 call about a man being shot.

Based on a preliminary investigation, police learned that the victim, a 39-year-old man, got into an altercation with an acquaintance when the sus-

pect allegedly pulled out a firearm. The pair then engaged in a physical struggle for the weapon until it went off.

Responding officers found the victim with a gunshot wound to the head. EMS pronounced him dead at the scene. Police have not yet released his identity, pending family notification.

A man was taken into custody for questioning; charges are pending the results of the ongoing investigation.

Law enforcement sources said the second homicide unfolded in front of a home at 192 Beach 115th St. in Rockaway Park at approximately 9 p.m. on Aug. 12.

Cops from the 100th Precinct, in responding to a 911 call about an assault

in progress, found 37-year-old Brandon Williams lying face down in a pool of blood across the street from his home. He had suffered multiple stab wounds to the chest and left wrist and was unresponsive.

EMS rushed him to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

No arrests have been made and the investigation remains ongoing. Police have not yet released a description of a suspect, or a motive for the attack.

Anyone with information about either incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS (888-57-PISTA for Spanish), submit a tip at [crimestoppers.nypdonline.org](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org), or message @NYPDtips on X (formerly Twitter). All tips are kept confidential.

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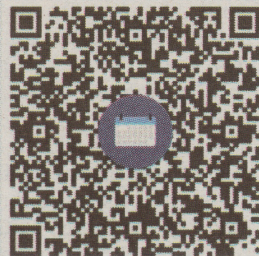


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ASSEMBLY MEMBER MICHAEL REILLY

**Q** What is the proudest moment of your political career?

**A** Some moments include: changing the law to allow DAs to combine petit larceny charges to address organized retail theft; co-chairing the School Safety Task Force and getting NYC DOE to lock the doors, a \$10 million budget allocation for Drug Recognition Experts (police officer training) to reduce impaired driving across the state; passing legislation to move forward a new Outerbridge; getting NYC DOE to open a new special education program.

**Q** What piece of legislation are you most proud to have passed this legislative session?

**A** I'm proud to have strongly and vocally supported legislative efforts to restore public safety and advance taxpayer advocacy.

**Q** How does your office work to support your constituents in their day-to-day lives?

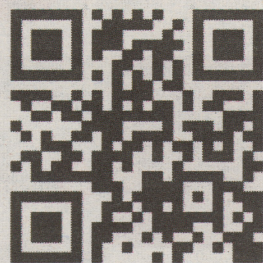
**A** From quality of life issues to complex agency issues, my team and I help our constituents navigate the complexities of city and state government bureaucracy.

**Q** What is the most prevalent issue facing your constituents and how are you working to resolve it?

**A** Over taxation, public safety, and inadequate services like public transportation rank among the top issues.

**Q** What do you hope to accomplish by the end of 2025?

**A** I plan to continue advocating for policies that address many of the uniquely complex issues affecting the people of Staten Island and especially those in my district.



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The first of two public hearings on a Times Square casino proposal took place.

## Times Square casino proposal faces first public hearing test



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The first of two public hearings on a Times Square casino proposal on Wednesday saw passionate pleas from groups and individuals backing and fighting the plan.

Supporters argued that the casino bid would provide construction and service jobs to the neighborhood while improving the community through private investment. Opponents, however, alleged the casino would divert revenue from Broadway and make the area unlivable.

Caesars Palace Times Square is part of a joint bid between entertainment companies SL Green, Caesars Entertainment and Roc Nation that would bring the proposed casino and entertainment complex to the heart of Times Square. The all-day Aug. 13 hearing was the first of two that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), a six-member body appointed by city and state officials, will hold on the proposal before voting for or against it.

Marc Holliday, the CEO of SL Green, said the casino will create a "halo effect," boosting demand for hotels, restaurants and retail across Times Square.

"Times Square can be so much better than it is today — it can become a place where New Yorkers want to spend time, and a place that shows off the best of our city to visitors from around the world," Holliday said at the hearing.

Union workers from across the city testified that the casino is a positive sign of progress, saying it would create union jobs for construction and maintenance.

"It will generate brand-new jobs that simply will not exist without this license. These new opportunities offer New Yorkers a real chance to join the middle class," said Anthony Fotiadis, president and business manager of SMART Local 137, which represents sheet metal, air, rail and transportation workers.

Fotiadis said the union had been meeting with Caesars Palace Times Square for over four years, which convinced him the developers would support union labor.

Caesars Palace Times Square has faced intense opposition from Broadway theaters, local businesses and community organizations that argue the casino would decimate businesses and culture while potentially increasing sex crime and human trafficking.

Jason Laks, president of the Broadway League, the national trade association for Broadway, said the Broadway industry supports over 100,000 jobs that the casino would put at risk.

"These construction jobs will go wherever the casinos are built," Laks said at the hearing. "This location is the only one that threatens 100,000 jobs, so many of which are good union positions. This casino remains an existential threat to Broadway and our entire neighborhood."

Leah Oken, the business representative for the theatrical wardrobe Local 764 of the IATSE, said that while she respects her "union siblings," a Times Square casino would destroy Broadway.

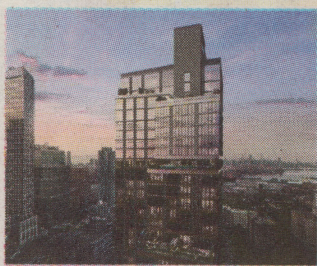
"We believe this is the wrong location for a casino," Oken said at the hearing. "Times Square is home to Broadway, something that makes New York City what it is, and has been there for hundreds of years."

A May 2024 poll found that 71% of Midtown residents opposed the casino, though that was before many of the investment pledges.

The CAC must vote on the proposal by Sept. 30.

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# NYC★WORKS

## THE BUSINESS OF LABOR IN NYC

### Legal Aid Society union ratifies contract that suspends wage negotiations for next year



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The Legal Aid Society's union voted this month to ratify a tentative contract, avoiding a strike by its 1,100 public defenders and staff — accepting a deal that fell short of its demands and pinning its hopes on Zohran Mamdani becoming the city's next mayor.

In announcing the tentative agreement, which included a five percent average raise for attorneys in the first year, the Legal Aid Society's chapter of the Association of Legal Advocates and Attorneys, was forced to accept a deal with smaller salary increases than it had demanded, but won a re-opening bargaining clause to revisit wages and pensions next year.

"The fight to make legal services careers sustainable does not end here," wrote Jane Fox, chapter chair of Legal Aid Society Attorneys United, UAW 2325 in a statement. "We need a Mayor who will prioritize our work and the communities we serve."

The strategy reflects what legal experts say is a gamble that Mamdani, the Democratic candidate, will become mayor next year.

ALAA's parent union, the United Auto Workers, which

forged a strong relationship with Mamdani, was one of the first unions to endorse him in the primary.

"You could totally understand the union saying, 'Well Mamdani may be mayor, he shows up at our rallies. He's very sympathetic to the union movement, so we could be in a much better position a year from now, so let's kick this over for a year and put ourselves in a position where we could actually get more,'" said New York Law School professor Andrew Scherer, who previously served as executive director of Legal Services NYC.

Sarah Marie Young, a staff attorney and member of the Legal Aid union's bargaining committee, said what the panel could achieve on salary and pensions was limited because of the budget that Mayor Eric Adams and the City Council passed at the end June.

A spokesperson for Mayor Adams insisted the city added \$20 million to help criminal legal service providers hire more staff and adjust salaries — meaning an extra \$7.5 million for Legal Aid in the next year — and \$10 million across all civil legal service providers.

According to the union's analysis, Legal Aid's initial goal of achieving pay parity with federal public defenders would have cost the city



Mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani joined ALAA's rally on July 15.

PHOTO BY SHEA VANCE

\$74 million. After the union voted to authorize a strike at the end of June, the mayor's office committed an extra \$10 million in discretionary funding for all legal service providers, leaving \$3.5 million for Legal Aid staff, according to members of the bargaining committee — but not enough to meet Legal Aid's salary demands.

What the union did win was retiree health benefits, workload protections, student loan assistance and increased parental leave, and the re-opening clause on salary and pension negotiations, which will give it another shot under the next mayor. The average raise will go up to nine percent over the next three years.

Adams spokesperson Liz Garcia, said in a statement that "the Adams adminis-

tration values the work that legal service providers do every day to advocate for vulnerable New Yorkers," adding that, "to the extent Legal Aid's union now claims it feared what First Deputy Mayor Randy Mastro would do if they went out on strike, we're just glad they didn't go on strike, which is a good thing for all concerned."

The Legal Aid union's reluctance to strike drew criticism from some members who had conducted a pressure campaign before the ratification vote urged their colleagues to reject the agreement, charging that the bargaining committee conceded too early on issues like wages.

The campaign is the closest the Legal Aid union has come to striking in over 30 years. While a majority of

eleven chapters of the ALAA representing about 2,000 legal services workers have now reached agreements with the city, there are several other chapters with a few hundred workers at organizations such as the Urban Justice Center, CAMBA and Goddard Riverside Law Project still on strike.

It's the first time the UAW's legal arm has been able to implement a strategy of sectoral bargaining for public defenders across the city, where it aligned all of its contracts to expire at the same time to maximize its leverage. The strategy allowed the legal unions to exert more pressure on the city by threatening a 2,000 person strike, which could have brought the courts to a standstill.

While the reopener will

put the union back at the bargaining table next year, it will not be guaranteed the ability to strike. Striking would only be possible through a process that involves an outside arbitrator.

The budget process also inflamed tensions with Legal Aid management. Under Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2019, members said that management had embraced the union's contract campaign as part of a coalition of legal aid organizations that successfully lobbied to ensure pay parity between public defenders, prosecutors and other city attorneys during their first years of employment.

"Eric Adams nixed that. He was like, 'Sorry, too bad. That was the last guy,'" Young said. "This time around, I was very, very surprised at how little it appears management did to actually achieve what their financial ask was. There was no campaign, there was no invitation to partner."

Legal Aid defended its role in the negotiations. In a statement, CEO Twyla Carter said the non-profit would continue to partner with the union to fight for "the resources that reflect the vital contributions of our staff attorneys and support the long-term sustainability of a career at Legal Aid."

With additional reporting from Shea Vance.





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## EDITORIAL

# A needless outbreak

Harlem residents have endured a number of stressful weeks since a Legionnaires' disease outbreak struck the community this summer. Ninety people were sickened by the pneumonia-like illness, according to the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; 15 of the victims wound up being hospitalized, and three of them died.

But the community received good news at a Tuesday night town hall meeting. According to acting Health Commissioner Dr. Michelle Morse, the number of Legionnaires cases has been on a decline, meaning that the measures taken to curb the spread of the Legionella bacteria that causes the illness were working.

What were those measures? Inspecting and cleaning cooling towers on the rooftops around the community. Legionella thrives in warm, humid environments, and cooling towers that are not properly maintained by property owners are as inviting to this form of bacteria as a welcome mat.

Moreover, when Legionella is airborne, it can easily spread to other cooling towers and contaminate those that are also improperly maintained. This resulted in this summer's outbreak in Harlem — and outbreaks that have occurred in other communities in recent years.

How could this happen in a city like New York, with a streetscape lined with high-rise apartment buildings topped with cooling towers that control central air conditioning and heating, and so many

of these machines are unkempt? Simple — according to published reports, staffing shortages have resulted in the fewest cooling tower inspections in years.

It's an unacceptable situation that must be addressed. The city must do its due diligence to ensure that every cooling tower in every corner of New York meets all health code standards and is inspected twice annually for Legionella bacteria. This will prevent the kind of outbreaks that cause death and harm to scores of New Yorkers every year.

Legionnaires' disease may not be as common as the flu or COVID-19, but hundreds of New Yorkers are sickened by it every year. A number of them die from infection. Mass vaccinations aren't needed to stop this disease and the bacteria that cause it; only proper inspection and maintenance of plumbing devices, such as cooling towers, that heat up water.

Local state Sen. Cordell Cleare is pushing for state legislation that would require more frequent cooling tower inspections and double the fines against property owners who fail to maintain the devices properly.

It's a good first step toward making cooling towers safe and stopping Legionnaires' disease, but it cannot be an unfunded mandate. The city must do its part to hire and train more inspectors to ensure universal compliance with state and city law — and prevent another needless outbreak.

## THE NEW YORK SCENE



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A food vendor serves a customer at the City Hall subway station on Aug. 13.

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## Neither heat nor rain can stop 'PATH' to helping subway homeless

am **BY LISA SINGH**

From heatwaves to hard rain, this summer has brought extreme weather to the steps of New York City's subway system. While commuters struggle to stay cool or dry depending on the day, down on the trains and platforms, another struggle is underway.

Each night, teams of nurses, social workers, and police officers walk the system searching for people in need of help. Sometimes that means offering a fresh

pair of socks, or a safe place to sleep, while other times people need serious medical attention, or a psychiatric evaluation. This work is already difficult, but when confronted with extreme weather like this summer, the job becomes even tougher. Yet rain or shine, hot or cold, these teams are out every night to help their fellow New Yorkers.

I know this firsthand. I'm a nurse — that's how I begin my clinical assessments as a part of one of these teams.

Created by Mayor Eric Adams last year, the program

is called Partnership Assistance for Transit Homelessness, or PATH. As part of a PATH team, we go into the subway system every night to ensure that homeless New Yorkers receive the care and services they need, focusing on those with signs of untreated mental illness.

As a nurse, my job is to make sure people are not causing any harm to themselves or others, including displaying an inability to meet their own basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing. This is not glamorous

work.

When we encounter someone whose mental illness is causing harm to themselves or others, psychiatric nurses like me can request an ambulance to transport the person to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation, even if they do not want to go. We rely on our training and education to assess each individual and make a real-time judgment on whether they need further attention.

In addition to evaluating an individual's mental health, PATH teams assess

people for signs of physical ailments — both of which can be intensified by extreme weather. When it's hot, we check for heat exhaustion or dehydration. And when you have a mental illness, the weather can exacerbate underlying issues.

Many of the New Yorkers that I encounter have past dealings with a difficult system, so I do everything possible to form a connection with them. Even if they refuse our services, we let people know where they can find help, whether that

be a shelter, a cooling center, or other resource.

At its core, the PATH program is about a humane and necessary response to the ongoing mental health crisis playing out each night. We do our best to show New Yorkers that their city is there for those who need us most. Lisa Singh is a psychiatric nurse at the Department of Homeless Services, who focuses on reaching homeless New Yorkers suffering from severe mental illness as part of a program created by New York City Mayor Eric Adams.



# Former Gov. Paterson backs Adams, drops bid for Mamdani rivals to coalesce



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Last month, former Gov. David Paterson urged all of the mayoral candidates besides Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani to coalesce behind one contender, in order to have the strongest chance of besting the democratic socialist frontrunner.

But on Wednesday, Paterson said that idea is now “moot” as he endorsed the second-lowest polling candidate in the race: incumbent Mayor Eric Adams.

Paterson — who supported former Gov. Andrew Cuomo in the primary — cited his decades-long relationship with Adams and lauded the mayor’s management of the city over the past 3 1/2 years in making his endorsement.

“This afternoon, I’m here to stand for someone who has already run this city as

mayor for nearly four years, and has made huge changes over the past administration, going back probably to the [Michael] Bloomberg administration,” Paterson said of Adams during an Aug. 13 City Hall news conference. “He is an individual who is dynamic, articulate, receptive, courageous and outspoken. And he’s used all of those skills to bring the city to where it stands right now.”

Adams — a Democrat running as an independent after skipping the party’s primary — sung Paterson’s praises in return. He said an “endorsement of this magnitude is what I look for.”

“[Paterson is] a person who has known me. He knows my heart. He knows my commitment. He has worked with me,” Adams said. “He has been the architect of many of the changes that we have witnessed in government. He’s laid the foundation of smart, pragmatic approaches to deal-



Former Gov. David Paterson endorsed Mayor Eric Adams’ reelection campaign, saying push to get candidates to coalesce behind one challenger to Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani is now ‘moot’ Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025.

ing with the problems that working people face all the time.”

Paterson lent Adams his support despite the mayor’s fourth-place standing

in the most recent polls — often coming behind Mamdani, a Queens Assembly member; Cuomo; and Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa. He does place above

independent attorney Jim Walden, who has barely registered with voters.

Paterson argued that Adams finds himself polling in a comparable place

now to Mamdani at a similar point in the Democratic primary that he ultimately won. He said he believes Adams’ standing in the polls will improve after Labor Day, when more voters will begin tuning into the general election.

“Eric is kicking it into high gear. He is taking no prisoners. He’s moving forward,” Paterson said. “He is going to try to get to every borough and every inlet in this city to bring his message and to explain a lot that’s going on during this particular time.”

After Mamdani won the June Democratic primary, Paterson and other centrist political and business leaders last month suggested that all of his rivals come together behind the one with the best chance of defeating the Democratic nominee.

On Wednesday, Paterson said he has now abandoned pushing that strategy due to Adams’ and Sliwa’s apparent resistance to it.

“It was an idea to generate conversation,” Paterson said. “None of the candidates seemed particularly interested. So I consider the issue to be moot.”

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## Conservancy’s support of horse carriage ban could spell end of industry



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The Central Park Conservancy called on city officials to end horse-drawn carriages in the park, interjecting itself into the fight between unionized transit workers and animal rights activists on Tuesday.

It marks the first time the nonprofit — the famous stewards of the park — took sides in the off-again, on-again, years-long controversy between carriage drivers and animal rights supporters. The lift on their neutrality comes a week after carriage-horse Lady collapsed and died in Hell’s Kitchen on the West Side of Manhattan on Aug. 5.

The organization, among animal rights supporters,



Horse carriage in NYC.

PHOTO BY GABRIELE HOLTERMANN

politicians and other New Yorkers, supports Ryder’s Law, which would end the operation of horse-drawn cabs in the city.

Betsy Smith, head of the

conservancy, sent a letter to NYC officials, including Mayor Eric Adams and members of the City Council, advocating for the end of the carriage horse indus-

try, which has existed in the park since the 1800s.

“After many years of maintaining a neutral stance, the Central Park Conservancy is writing to formally express its opposition to the continued operation of horse-drawn carriages in Central Park,” part of the letter stated.

Smith cited public safety concerns and damage to the park’s roads caused by the carriages becoming “unsustainable” as reasons for supporting the ban.

Lady’s death comes weeks after horse-carriage driver Ian McKeever was acquitted of animal cruelty charges in the death of carriage horse, Ryder, who collapsed on the West Side. Ryder recovered from collapse, but died months after retiring from his work.

Animal rights activists

and politicians, including City Council Member Robert Holden, have led the charge to pass the horse’s namesake law since Ryder’s death in 2022.

Edita Birnkrant praised the Central Park Conservancy for supporting the ban and called on city officials to take action.

“When the very caretakers of Central Park want this cruelty gone, and the majority of polled New Yorkers agree, the council and mayor have no excuse left,” she said. “The time to act is right now, and the council must get this done before the year ends.”

Meanwhile, Transport Workers Union Local 100, called the proposed ban and Ryder’s Law, “outrageous.” The union represents about 200 carriage riders in the city.

John Samuelson, president of the union, said the ban would put the drivers out of work, and slammed the conservancy for being out of touch with its decision.

“The corporate aristocrats at the Central Park Conservancy are now outrageously supporting a measure that would throw about 200 blue-collar workers in the carriage-horse tourism industry out of work, with no regard for how they will pay their rents, mortgages, send their kids to college, put food on the table, or meet other expenses,” he said.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Adams said the mayor is “heartbroken” by both horses’ deaths, and his team will meet with industry representatives and advocates to discuss the next steps.

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## THINGS TO DO

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BY NELSON A. KING  
Caribbean Life

The Caribbean Elite Group (CEG), organizer of the Annual Caribbean Music Awards (CMA), has expanded the list of honorees for the 2025 Awards by adding Carimi, Sizzla Youth Foundation, and Shirley Ann Cyril-Mayers, as well as significant media partnerships with Trace and Hot 97.

Recently, CEG added Bounty Killer, Austin "Super Blue" Lyons, and Kerwin Du Bois to its list of honorees.

CEG said on Tuesday, Aug. 5, that these individuals and organizations will be celebrated for their "exceptional contributions to Caribbean music, culture and community development."

Trace — a leading multimedia and digital platform focused on Afro-Urban music and culture — will broadcast the awards showcase, which encompasses the Caribbean, France, and African territories, on a date to be announced later.

It said this is a significant development for the Caribbean music industry, as it aims to broaden its reach by bringing the annual awards ceremony to a broader global audience.

# Caribbean Music Awards set to fill Brooklyn's Kings Theatre with sweet sounds

CEG said HOT 97, New York's iconic destination for hip hop and R&B culture, will also participate as an official media partner.

"They will increase engagement across their flagship radio station and digital platforms through high-frequency radio spots, live on-air mentions by top DJs, engaging social media and website content, and exclusive red-carpet interviews featuring the event's biggest stars," CEG said.

It said that since the Caribbean Music Awards began in 2023, HOT 97 has been a strong supporter, promoting the event across its digital and social media channels.

"The increase in participation this year highlights a strong commitment to promoting and preserving Caribbean culture within the entertainment industry, connecting people throughout the Diaspora," CEG said.

It said Carimi, widely regarded as one of the most influential Haitian bands of the modern era, will be honored with the Legacy Award.

"Known for their electrifying performances and genre-defining sound that blended traditional Haitian rhythms with contemporary elements, Carimi's influence continues to resonate deeply across the Diaspora," CEG said.



From left, Carimi, Sizzla, and Shirley Ann Cyril-Mayers.



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ises to be a powerful and emotional event, offering fans worldwide a cherished opportunity to reconnect with their extraordinary legacy," it added.

CEG said the Sizzla Youth Foundation, established by the renowned reggae artist Sizzla Kalonji, will be honored with the Humanitarian Award for its "steadfast dedication to youth empowerment, education, and community upliftment through music and social programs."

"Their work exemplifies the transformative power of music, changing lives and inspiring future generations," it said.

CEG said Shirley Ann Cyril-Mayers, a celebrated voice in Caribbean gospel music, often called "St. Lucia's Queen of Gospel Music," will receive the Gospel Honors.

"Her inspirational work and powerful vocals have made her a staple in the genre, earning her a devoted following and a reputation for excellence in praise music," CEG said.

The third annual CMA will return to the prestigious Kings Theatre in Flatbush, Brooklyn, on Thursday, Aug. 28.

More at [amNY.com](http://amNY.com)

## Have a busload of fun at the 2025 Bus Festival in September



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Take a ride back in time to see some classic buses that rode the streets of old-time NYC at a bus festival pulling into Brooklyn next month.

Just like the nickel fare and tokens, vehicles at the New York Transit Museum's 2025 Bus Festival in Brooklyn Bridge Park will bring New Yorkers back to a quintessential time period. Plus, vintage buses are just plain fun to see!

No OMNY card is necessary to attend the free event, which is being held in collaboration with the MTA on Sept. 21. Registration is recommended but not required.

"Bus Festival is a true collaboration between the New York Transit Museum and the MTA," said Regina Shepherd, the museum's acting director. "It's a day when we open the doors—literally—to New York's surface transit history and give our visitors the chance to experience it firsthand."

Buses to check out at the event include: Betsy. Bus 1263, known as "Betsy," is a 1930 Fifth Avenue Coach double-decker bus. It was in service from 1931 to 1953, and is one of the oldest vehicles in the museum's vintage fleet.

Bus 3100. This 1956 classic that served Manhattan was the first air-conditioned bus in the United States.

Bus 4727. Built in 1969, this baby blue icon faithfully rolled through NYC and was especially effective on the steep hills of the Bronx and upper Manhattan. These buses were in service until 1987.

Bus 5227. Built in 1971 and refurbished in 1985, this bus is a white GMC with hard plastic seating that was in use through 1995.

This year, unexpected favorites will make an appearance, which organizers said are "sure to steal the show." The museum is keeping the surprise guests mum...at least for now!

**New York Transit Museum's 2025 Bus Festival**

**When?** Sunday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine.

**Where?** Emily Warren Roebling Plaza in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

**Admission:** Free  
For more visit [nytransitmuseum.org/busfestival](http://nytransitmuseum.org/busfestival).

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Bus 5227 at the New York Transit Museum's Bus Festival in Brooklyn.



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Bus 5227 at the New York Transit Museum's Bus Festival in Brooklyn.



# Orgullo colombiano en Brooklyn: Rafael Camargo abrió su primer Chick-fil-A y creó 75 empleos locales



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Con una historia marcada por el trabajo duro, la resiliencia y el amor por su comunidad, el empresario colombiano Rafael Camargo, nacido y criado en Barranquilla, celebró la apertura de su primer restaurante Chick-fil-A en el corazón de Brooklyn.

Ubicado en el 31 Smith St., Chick-fil-A Smith & Livingston abrió sus puertas a finales de julio, con una oferta especial para quienes se presentaron en el restaurante con atuendos de vaca: pudieron disfrutar de un plato principal gratis como parte de una divertida tradición impulsada por la cadena en sus nuevas inauguraciones.

Para Camargo, este proyecto fue mucho más

que una meta empresarial. "Como colombiano, abrir un restaurante de Chick-fil-A en Brooklyn es un orgullo inmenso y un sueño hecho realidad. Representa la oportunidad de compartir no solo la cultura de servicio que caracteriza a Chick-fil-A, sino también mis raíces latinas, mi compromiso con la comunidad y mi deseo de generar un impacto positivo."

Camargo lideró este nuevo restaurante con una visión clara: generar un impacto transformador en la comunidad local. Además de crear aproximadamente 75 empleos, el restaurante ofreció salarios competitivos, beneficios



educativos y herramientas que fomentan el crecimiento profesional de su equipo. "Quiero que mi restaurante sea un lugar donde los empleados se sientan valorados, apoyados y con las herramientas necesarias para tener éxito."

La apertura también sirvió de plataforma para apoyar a quienes más lo necesitan. Chick-fil-A, Inc. donó \$25,000 a Feeding America en honor a esta inauguración, una inversión que apoyó directamente los esfuerzos de ayuda contra el hambre en el área metropolitana de Nueva York. Además, el restaurante comenzó a participar en el programa

Shared Table®, que dona alimentos excedentes a organizaciones sin fines de lucro locales.

Camargo comenzó su camino con Chick-fil-A como cliente frecuente. Una conversación con un Propietario-Operador local lo inspiró a conocer más sobre los valores de la marca y su impacto comunitario. En 2018, recibió una beca de la compañía que lo ayudó a completar su carrera en Negocios Internacionales. "Vi la posibilidad no solo de crecer profesionalmente, sino también de generar un impacto positivo."

Abrir un negocio en Nueva York no estuvo exento de desafíos, pero Camargo los enfrentó con determinación. "A pesar de tantos desafíos que hay que enfrentar para poder abrir un negocio en NY, pude

superarlos a medida que surgían. Desde que supe que tenía la posibilidad de abrir el primer Chick-fil-A en Downtown Brooklyn fue un sueño hecho realidad."

Su enfoque como líder también reflejó sus raíces. "Mi cultura me ha inculcado una sólida ética de trabajo y un fuerte compromiso con construir relaciones significativas con quienes me rodean." Inspirado por su herencia colombiana, Rafael se esforzó cada día por crear un ambiente donde tanto empleados como clientes se sintieran acogidos.

El vínculo entre familia y comunidad fue central en su vida. Uno de sus recuerdos favoritos fue desayunar Chick-fil-A con su hijo Samuel, de 4 años, cada sábado por la mañana. "Me recordó cómo la comida, y los momentos

que compartimos alrededor de ella, pueden realmente unir a las personas."

Camargo también expresó su interés en mantenerse activo en Brooklyn con actividades comunitarias, especialmente durante las festividades de Acción de Gracias y Navidad, y manifestó que ya estaba buscando alianzas con organizaciones locales para distribuir alimentos.

A otros padres latinos que sueñan con emprender en Estados Unidos, les dejó un mensaje claro:

"Les diría que nunca dejen de perseguir sus sueños. [...] Las oportunidades existen, y con dedicación, puedes crear un futuro que refleje tus valores y tu visión."

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# Colombian Pride in Bro Opens His First Chick-fil-



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With a story defined by hard work, resilience, and love for his community, Colombian entrepreneur Rafael Camargo—born and raised in Barranquilla—celebrated the opening of his first Chick-fil-A restaurant in the heart of Brooklyn.

Located at 31 Smith St., Chick-fil-A Smith & Livingston opened its doors in late July. To mark the occasion, customers who showed up dressed as cows enjoyed a free entrée—a fun tradition Chick-fil-A carries out during its grand openings

nationwide.

For Camargo, this project was much more than a business goal. “As a Colombian, opening a Chick-fil-A in Brooklyn is an immense source of pride and a dream come true. It gives me the chance to share not only Chick-fil-A’s culture of service but also my Latin roots, my commitment to the community, and my desire to make a positive impact.”

Camargo led the new restaurant with a clear vision: to make a transformative impact on the local community. Beyond creating roughly 75 jobs, the restaurant offered competitive wages, educational benefits,

and resources to help employees grow professionally. “I want my restaurant to be a place where employees feel valued, supported, and equipped to succeed.”

The opening also served as a platform to support those in need. Chick-fil-A Inc. donated \$25,000 to Feeding America in honor of the launch—directly aiding hunger relief efforts across the New York metro area. Additionally, the restaurant joined the Shared Table® program, which donates surplus food to local nonprofits.

Camargo’s journey with Chick-fil-A began as a frequent customer. A conversation with a local Chick-fil-A





# Brooklyn: Rafael Camargo A, Creating 75 Local Jobs

owner-operator inspired him to learn more about the brand's values and community impact. In 2018, he received a company scholarship that helped him complete his degree in International Business. "I saw an opportunity not only to grow professionally but also to make a positive difference."

Opening a business in New York came with challenges, but Camargo met them head-on. "Despite the many hurdles you face when opening a business in NY, I overcame them as they came. Knowing I could open the first Chick-fil-A in Downtown Brooklyn felt like a

dream come true."

His leadership style also reflects his heritage. "My culture has instilled in me a strong work ethic and a deep commitment to building meaningful relationships with those around me." Inspired by his Colombian roots, Rafael works every day to create a welcoming environment for both employees and customers.

Family and community ties have always been central to his life. One of his favorite memories is sharing Chick-fil-A breakfasts every Saturday morning with his 4-year-old son, Samuel. "It reminded me how food, and the moments we share

around it, can truly bring people together."

Camargo also expressed his intention to stay actively involved in Brooklyn through community events—especially during Thanksgiving and Christmas—and said he's already seeking partnerships with local organizations to distribute food.

To other Latino parents dreaming of entrepreneurship in the U.S., he offers this message:

"I would tell them to never stop chasing their dreams. [...] Opportunities exist, and with dedication, you can build a future that reflects your values and vision."



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## Preguntas y Respuestas con el Asambleísta Harvey Epstein

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"Inside Government" (Dentro del Gobierno) es una serie de preguntas y respuestas que ofrece a los neoyorquinos un vistazo al papel de los funcionarios electos que los representan.



ASAMBLEÍSTA HARVEY EPSTEIN

Esta edición de Dentro del Gobierno con PoliticsNY presenta al Asambleísta del Estado de Nueva York, Harvey Epstein. El Asambleísta Epstein representa el distrito 74 de la Asamblea en Manhattan, que incluye los vecindarios de Lower East Side, East Village, Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village, Murray Hill, Kips Bay, Tudor City y las Naciones Unidas.

**P**¿De qué legislación aprobada durante esta sesión legislativa se siente más orgulloso?

**R** Logramos la inclusión de mi proyecto de ley, la Ley de Retención de Vivienda Asequible (Affordable Housing Retention Act, AHRA), que preserva las unidades asequibles en edificios donde las restricciones de asequibilidad corren el riesgo de expirar. Esto ayudará a proteger miles de apartamentos asequibles en vecindarios de alto costo sin subsidios gubernamentales adicionales y creará nuevos apartamentos que se necesitan desesperadamente. También obtuvimos una inversión de 50 millones de dólares en el Programa de Vales de Acceso a la Vivienda para apoyar a las personas que perdieron o corren el riesgo de perder su vivienda.

**P**¿Cómo trabaja su oficina para apoyar a sus constituyentes en su vida cotidiana?

**R** Nuestro departamento de servicios al elector ayuda a las personas que tienen dificultades para conectarse con las agencias, acceder a los beneficios, enfrentarse a la inestabilidad de la vivienda y mucho más. Solo en 2024, cerramos más de 450 casos. Los electores pueden llamar a nuestra oficina al 212-979-9696 para hablar con un miembro de nuestro equipo. También organizamos horarios sin cita previa en nuestra oficina y eventos de "Hang with Harvey" (Pasar el rato con Harvey) durante todo el año para reunirnos cara a cara con los electores para analizar sus inquietudes.

**P**¿Cuál es el problema más común que enfrentan sus constituyentes y cómo está trabajando para resolverlo?

**R** La inestabilidad de la vivienda es el problema más frecuente al que se enfrentan mis electores. A medida que aumentan las ganancias de los propietarios, también lo hace el costo de vida. Los desalojos aumentan y los salarios ajustados a la inflación bajan cada año. Necesitamos desarrollar nuevos apartamentos asequibles de forma permanente para los neoyorquinos de clase trabajadora, incluso usando terrenos del gobierno para hacerlo. Estamos luchando por la expansión de viviendas para ingresos medios, la congelación de los alquileres y la financiación para los desarrollos de NYCHA y Mitchell-Lamas.

**P**¿Qué espera lograr antes de que finalice el año 2025?

**R** He estado luchando incansablemente para que las llamadas telefónicas a las personas encarceladas sean gratuitas. Ninguna familia debería tener que afrontar problemas financieros solo para que un hijo hable con su padre. Nuestro sistema de justicia debe ser un lugar de rehabilitación, transformación y sanación. A partir del 1 de agosto, ninguna familia tendrá que soportar esto nuevamente. Espero una implementación sin problemas y que las personas afectadas por la justicia establezcan conexiones más significativas con sus familias y comunidades.

**P**¿Cuál ha sido el momento más orgulloso de su carrera política?

**R** Desde su fundación, nuestro Consejo de la Juventud ha liderado una campaña para ampliar el acceso a las MetroCards para estudiantes. En julio de 2024, ganamos la expansión a cuatro "swipes" por día durante los siete días de la semana, durante todo el año, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, para cientos de miles de estudiantes de la ciudad de Nueva York. Como funcionario electo, debe usar su puesto para empoderar a otros a luchar por las cosas que les importan. Fue una alegría ser mentor de estos jóvenes líderes.



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## THINGS TO DO

Friday, Aug. 15

### Jeni's x Cj Hendry: The OPAQUE Pop-Up Experience

390 W Broadway, Manhattan  
12 - 7 p.m.  
Free entry

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**Night Hawk with Couvo and Katzin at Alphaville**  
Alphaville, 140 Wilson Ave., Brooklyn  
7 - 11 p.m.  
\$13.60

Edward Hopper-inspired indie rock band Night Hawk performs an album release show with Brooklyn locals, Katzin and Couvo. Night Hawk is an American indie rock band from Brunswick, Maine, now based in Washington, D.C.

Saturday, Aug. 16

**ICP Community Day**  
International Center of Photography, 84 Ludlow St., Manhattan  
10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Free

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activities, and open mic performances in the ICP Library.

**FAD Market at Governors Island**  
Governors Island, 10 South Street, Slip 7  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Free entry

Set along the tree-lined King Ave, between historic early 20th-century buildings, this idyllic market is just steps from Yankee Pier (where Brooklyn ferries dock) and Liggett Terrace's bustling food stalls. Discover hand-crafted jewelry, art, apparel, bath and body care, home goods, artisanal packaged foods, and more.

Sunday, Aug. 17

**India Day Parade**  
Starts at E 40th St. and Madison Ave., Manhattan  
12 p.m.  
Free

For more than 4 decades FIA India Day Parade is culminating every year on August month is observed as Indian Anniversary of Independence. It is considered to be the largest parade outside the India brings together over hundred-thousand members of

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Monday, Aug. 18

**Back to School Giveaway**  
Neighborhood Care Clove Road, 1050 Clove Rd., Staten Island  
2:30 - 5 p.m.  
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just in time for the new school year (while supplies last).

**Paw Play Days**  
Hudson Yards, 20 Hudson Yards, Manhattan  
5 - 6:30 p.m.  
Free

Backyard at Hudson Yards, presented by Wells Fargo, is hosting Paw Play Days—a series of dog-friendly events for pet owners and their furry friends. Dog City will be on-site with a prize wheel offering chances to win frisbees, tennis balls, tasty treats, and more, while The Farmer's Dog will be providing complimentary food samples.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

**Annual Honey Harvest Festival**  
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**Farm.One Brew Lab,**  
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## Apartments Rise on Bushwick Church Parking Lot and Former Townhouse Site

Two similar eight-story buildings have topped out on Bushwick Avenue after a deal with a local church paved the way for residential development.

BY ANNA BRADLEY-SMITH

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Two big apartment buildings are going up on either side of an early 20th century Bushwick Avenue church, obscuring the historic red brick structure and making it look somewhat swallowed by the bright new towers.

When Brownstoner stopped by Calvary & St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church at 966 Bushwick Avenue recently, workers were busy at both construction sites at 962 and 972 Bushwick Avenue. The eight-story building at 972 Bushwick Avenue, formerly a parking lot, has topped out and windows have been installed. The scaffolding is down and the facade is in full view.

Covered in patchwork-style geometric orange, yellow, and brown panels, with a number of vertically aligned but differently shaped windows, the facade stands out.

The building at 962 Bushwick Avenue, which is shrouded in scaffolding, will be similar in appearance to the one at No. 972, a worker told Brownstoner. Permits show the two new apartment buildings will both be eight stories and have a total of 81 units — 41 at 972 Bushwick Avenue and 40 962 Bushwick Avenue.

Both structures were designed by prolific New York City architect Nicholai Katz and are owned by Shimon



The buildings under construction at 962 and 972 Bushwick Avenue.

BY PHOTO BY ANNA BRADLEY-SMITH



The church parking lot in June of 2018.

PHOTO BY SUSAN DE VRIES

Greenfeld of SCG Capital LLC, according to permits.

The Gothic style Calvary & St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, designed by the Brooklyn firm Hopkins, McEntree & Speers, was constructed in 1910 for the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church.

The congregation had been worshipping on Bushwick Avenue since 1903 in a wood frame church that could have dated to the 1870s. The building was sold to Calvary P.E. in 1903, but the church was destroyed by fire in 1910 when the congregation built the current brick building. In 1957, St. Cyprian's Church of Boerum Hill combined with Calvary P. E. to become the Calvary and St. Cyprian's Church.

Calvary & St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church first sold off the parking lot to the east of the church building building at 972 Bushwick Avenue and two townhouses it owned to the west at 962 Bushwick Avenue to an LLC in 2018 for \$2.5 million, city records show. Artemesia Spe LLC, the new owner, applied for new-building permits back in 2018, but plans seemed to stall.

Then in January 2024, Artemesia Spe LLC sold the two sites to 962 and 972 Bushwick LLC for \$6.975 million. A demolition permit for a two-story structure at 962 Bushwick Avenue was issued in March this year.

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# Tamarind Tribeca keeps tradition of elevated Indian cuisine



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For 25 years, Tamarind Tribeca has been bringing elevated Indian cuisine to New York City. Owned by Avtar Walia, the restaurant initially opened in the Flatiron District under the name Tamarind before moving to its current Hudson Street location.

For Walia, when he first thought about opening Tamarind, he wanted to create a different kind of dining experience than people were used to in New York City.

"At the time, Indian food was often misunderstood or oversimplified. I wanted to create a fine dining experience that honored the depth, technique, and elegance of Indian cooking," said Walia. "Tamarind was my way of introducing guests to the culinary sophistication of India while providing impeccable service and ambiance."

Plus, with New York City having such a diverse food

scene, Walia knew that bringing a high-end Indian experience would fit right into place.

"New Yorkers are adventurous and discerning. Indian cuisine, with its complex layering of spices, regional variety, and depth of flavor, offers something for every palate. It has both comfort and surprise," said Walia. "And when done with care and authenticity, it can be as refined and dynamic as any cuisine in the world. This makes it a natural fit in a city that thrives on culinary diversity and excellence."

When developing the Tamarind menu, Walia wanted to make sure that bold flavors were fairly represented, but technique was equally important. The team wanted to stay true to India's diversity in its cuisine without overwhelming their guests.

"We focused on authenticity, but also refinement. Techniques honed in traditional kitchens, but presented in a way that fits



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Tamarind Tribeca has been serving elevated Indian cuisine for the past 25 years.

seamlessly into New York's fine dining culture," said Walia. "As for the atmosphere, it was crucial that it reflect warmth, grace, and a sense of calm sophistication...something that feels both luxurious and welcoming."

Tamarind's menu has a variety of dishes that put a contemporary twist on classic Indian offerings. Many of the menu items can be shared among your dining group, and over the years of Tamarind's business, there are stand-outs on the

menu that guests love to order; Walia says that Tamarind's lamb chops have become somewhat of a staple, as they are marinated with a blend of traditional spices and cooked in the tandoor to create a delicious char and tenderness.

Walia also told amNewYork that seafood has been an unexpected favorite in general.

"Seafood, in general, is a strong point for us. The Halibut Curry and the Chilean Sea Bass are both favorites. They're delicate, flaky, and beautifully balanced with bold yet nuanced flavors," said Walia. "And for something a little lighter, our Seared Scallops which are served with a fragrant saffron coconut sauce have become a go-to for many of our regulars. These are the kinds of dishes that keep guests coming back."

As we wrap up summer and look to fall, Tamarind Tribeca has been participating in NYC Restaurant Week, which takes place through Aug. 21. The restaurant offers a prix-fixe menu that highlights its most popular dishes.

Tamarind Tribeca is located at 99 Hudson St. For more information, visit [tamarindtribeca.com](http://tamarindtribeca.com).

## Brooklyn's 'For the Record' spins a unique experience for vinyl lovers



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On bustling Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, a unique record store invites music lovers of all genres to enjoy blissful beats and brews.

For the Record, or FTR, an independent record store and café hybrid, has been spinning vinyl since November 2021. It offers a curated mix of new releases, pre-owned records, merchandise and a spacious event area for album listening parties. Founder Lucas Deysine envisioned a neighborhood hub for coffee and record enthusiasts, merging the two into one community turntable.

For National Vinyl Record

Day on Aug. 12, FTR celebrated with the welcoming ambiance it's known and respected for.

At 1107 Manhattan Ave., customers are greeted by a wall lined with the latest albums, from Chappell Roan to The 1975. A yellow-tinted menu lists espresso and herbal teas made from locally sourced products. In the back, crates of classic vinyl feature legacy acts like the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Pat Benatar. Soft light from spherical bulbs casts the hospitable glow Deysine aimed to create.

The idea to open a record store and café began with a Craigslist listing.

"I was able to convince my landlords that even if I had no business experience, I



PHOTO COURTESY OF FOR THE RECORD

A storefront view of For the Record, an independent record store and cafe hybrid in Greenpoint.

had a good idea and a good plan," Deysine said.

Despite the learning curve that came with being a novice business owner, he became a coffee connois-

seur with help from Shared Roasting, a Brooklyn Navy Yard coffee company.

"I taught myself how to roast coffee and taste coffee and talk about coffee," Deysine said.

"So the coffee part was kind of handled just by trial and error."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Deysine leaned into the organic sound of classic records — the soundtrack to his small business, according to the store's website. What started with a small bin of records has grown into a rich inventory of quality vinyl.

Community events helped cement FTR's status as a neighborhood staple. "We've done a number of pop-ups here, concerts, most of which are for free," Deysine said. For ticketed events, three-quarters of the proceeds go to the bands. Local artists, including members of the Greenpoint Art Circle, also display works at the shop.

One of FTR's trademarks is its album listening parties, a series of events where fans of a particular artist or band gather to experience a new release for the first time.

Running FTR hasn't been easy. Deysine said the biggest challenge is figuring out which records will sell — and how long to keep them on the shelves.

But he credits his staff for keeping FTR running smoothly, emphasizing their close relationship with regulars. Deysine said can trust their invaluable work ethic, even without his presence.

"But those small moments where I take some time off, I know the shop is in good hands and I really have nothing to worry about," he said.

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BY JOE PANTORNO  
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Pete Alonso has the Mets' all-time home run record. Now, the next question in his power-hitting pursuit is just how big his final tally in blue and orange will be.

"There's only one way to find out," Alonso said with a grin.

He is surely going to exercise the opt-out clause in his two-year contract this winter thanks to what has been a resurgent campaign. Following his two home runs on Tuesday night against the Braves, giving him the record No. 253 and 254, he has 28 home runs, 96 RBI, and an .880 OPS in 119 games.

He is the greatest power hitter in franchise history, and has the chance to become the first superstar homegrown product to see out an entire healthy career with the Mets, and even potentially pursue 500 home runs.

But for that to happen, president of baseball operations David Stearns and

owner Steve Cohen have to play ball.

"I have a goal to play baseball until I'm through my age 40 season," Alonso said. "So for me, I'm going to work hard and do that. On the business side, Steve and David, they gotta come through."

Easier said than done.

After last winter, in which his free agency saga nearly caused a split between him, Stearns, and Cohen, the two parties agreed on a two-year, \$54 million deal that included this player following the 2025 season.

A thin market ultimately helped push the reunion. Alonso was coming off his worst full season as a pro with a .788 OPS, 34 home runs, and 88 RBI in 162 games. His market should be much more intense this off-season, and his agent, Scott Boras, will be looking for the long-term, big-money deal (more than \$30 million per season) that they could not secure last season.

"For me, I love the city of New York, I love the fan base. It's been great. But the business is the business side if they choose to go in another direction," he said. "For me, it's been an abso-



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Mets first baseman Pete Alonso (20) celebrates after hitting a two run home run to become the all time Mets franchise home run leader in the third inning against the Atlanta Braves at Citi Field on Aug. 12, 2025.

lute treat and pleasure here. I mean, this group is really special. This group is one of the biggest reasons why I came back."

His long-time teammate and the longest-tenured Met, Brandon Nimmo, hopes it doesn't end, either. The prospect of securing his

status as a Mets lifer pushed the veteran outfielder toward signing an eight-year, \$162 million deal following the 2022 season.

"I know it was a motivating factor for me. If it was a motivating factor for me coming back, then it'll be a motivating factor for him,"

Nimmo said.

That is a bridge for the Mets and Alonso to cross when they get there. For now, they are trying to re-establish a playoff push after two rough months, which will feature a few more home runs for Alonso to tack on to his newly-

acquired franchise record.

This is a record that could stand for quite some time if he stays in Queens a bit longer.

"I hope that it [stands for a long time], but records are meant to be broken," Alonso said.

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## Mets calling up prospect McLean to start Saturday vs. Mariners



BY JOE PANTORNO  
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The New York Mets are calling up top pitching prospect Nolan McLean from Triple-A Syracuse to start Saturday's game against the Seattle Mariners, according to multiple reports on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old right-hander will take the spot of Frankie Montas, who was demoted to the bullpen after a disastrous eight-game debut with the Mets in

which he posted a 6.36 ERA. He signed a two-year, \$34 million deal to join the club over the winter.

McLean, who is ranked as the Mets' No. 3 overall prospect by MLB Pipeline, has been dominant in the minors, beginning in Double-A Binghamton. After going 3-1 with a 1.37 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 26.1 innings pitched, he was called up to Triple-A, where he continued to roll.

In 16 appearances with Syracuse (13 starts), He is 5-4 with a 2.78 ERA and

97 strikeouts in 87.1 innings of work.

He has been especially dominant over his last four starts (23 innings pitched), posting a 1.96 ERA with 26 strikeouts. Over his last seven starts, he owns a 33.3% strikeout rate, and opponents have posted a paltry .565 OPS against him.

McLean has a four-seam fastball that averages in the mid-90s but can top out at 98 mph, but his calling card is a devastating sweeper in the mid-80s. He also possesses a high-80s changeup and a

seldom-used curveball.

"This is a guy, not only his ability to pitch, but it's just the mentality to compete," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said. "The way he holds runners, there's a lot to like when you're talking to some of the staff members down in Triple-A."

The Mets will be hoping that he can provide a spark to a rotation that has been going through it over the last two months. Entering Wednesday's middle game against the Atlanta Braves, David Peterson was the only

starter in the last 52 games to complete six or more innings in a single outing.

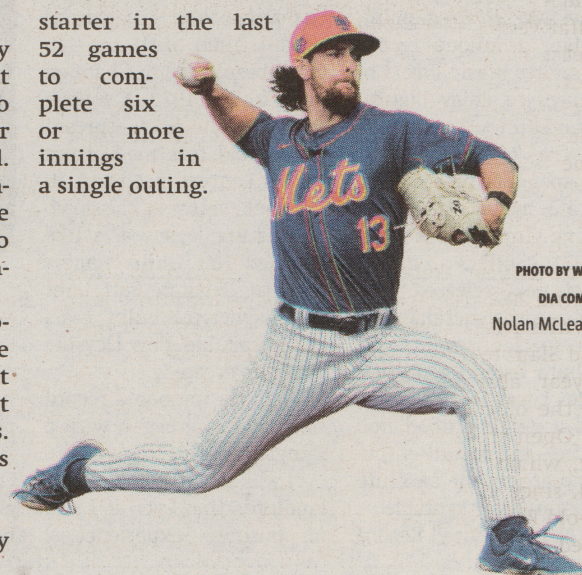


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Nolan McLean



# Tempers flare as Giants, Jets fight at joint practice session



BY JOE PANTORNO  
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In what has become one of the more tiresome traditions of joint practices around the NFL, the Giants and Jets came to blows during Wednesday's joint practice at Giants team facilities.

Big Blue's offensive line took exception to a tackle made by Jets defensive lineman Will McDonald on running back Tyrone Tracy Jr.

Offensive lineman Greg Van Roten began to mix it up with McDonald, with both going to the ground. Giants rookie Marcus Mbow then joined in to help his teammate get a few shots in on Gang Green's defender.

Just a few feet away, Giants lineman Jon Run-



New York Giants guard Jon Runyan (76) on the field during training camp at Quest Diagnostics Training Center.

yan Jr. and Jets cornerback Quan'tez Stiggers got in each other's faces. Runyan had already taken is-

sue with one of linebacker Jamien Sherwood's tackles earlier in Wednesday's practice.

The much smaller Stiggers ripped Runyan's helmet off, and it appeared that the two would engage,

but Giants veteran quarterback Russell Wilson and offensive lineman Aaron Stinnie stepped in to break it up.

While the Jets have been going full contact at dif-

ferent points throughout training camp, the Giants have not, which has presented a fundamental difference during these practices and has obviously raised tensions, too.

## Blackburn back with Mets after rehab stint



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a 7.71 ERA in six appearances (four starts) before the shoulder issue popped up and landed him back on the shelf.

"It's been weird," Blackburn said. "That's all I can really say about it."

Paul Blackburn was supposed to get the ball for the Mets' Triple-A affiliate in Syracuse on Wednesday afternoon for one more rehab start, but instead woke up to a commotion at his door.

One of his coaches alerted him that the big club wanted him back in Queens immediately, but not before they ran the offer by the veteran right-handed starting pitcher first.

"We got a hold of him and presented the option," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said. "Stay there and pitch, or come back and be in the bullpen. Without hesitation, he said, 'I'll come back.' It says a lot about how much he wants to help us, and here he is."

Blackburn had been sidelined since early July with a shoulder injury, which heaped more frustration on an already difficult season. He lost out on a starting rotation spot in spring training and was demoted to the bullpen, only to land on the injured list just before the start of the regular season with knee inflammation.

He struggled in a swingman role, posting

To heap on to the weirdness, he had not been the first choice to return to the show, even with a successful rehab stint, which featured a 2.42 ERA and a 1.150 WHIP across 26 innings with Syracuse. His most recent outing saw him throw 97 pitches, indicating he was fully stretched out, allowing two earned runs on seven hits with three strikeouts over 5.2 innings.

But Tuesday night's 13-5 win over the Atlanta Braves opened a door for a return to the majors after reliever Justin Hagenman went four sterling, no-hit innings in relief of the ineffective Clay Holmes. In need of a multi-inning option, Blackburn was back in the mix while Hagenman was optioned to the minors.

"After what happened last night, where [Hagenman] pretty much saved our bullpen, for him to finish that game, it felt like we needed the length there to protect some of our guys," Mendoza said.

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# Venus Williams, 45, gets historic US Open wild-card entry



BY JOE PANTORNO  
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Legendary American tennis star Venus Williams has at least one more go in her, after all.

The 45-year-old received a wild-card invitation from the US Tennis Association (USTA) on Wednesday, which grants her permission to compete in the women's singles tournament at the 2025 US Open, which will mark her return to Grand Slam tennis after a two-year absence. She will be the oldest entrant in a US Open singles tournament, which begins on Aug. 24, since 1981, when 47-year-old Renee Richards competed.

Williams will be entered in two different competitions at the Queens-based Grand Slam, hosted by the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. She previously received a wild-card invitation to compete in the mixed doubles competition alongside Reilly Opelka, which begins on Aug. 19.

This is a remarkable comeback for one of the greatest American tennis players ever. Last year, she had surgery to remove uterine fibroids and was out for the majority of 2024. In July, she returned to action at the DC Open after a 16-month layoff, becoming the oldest woman to win a tour-level singles match since a 47-year-old

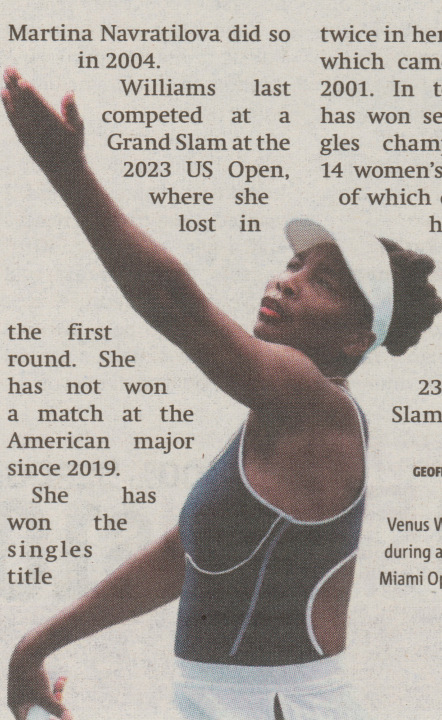
Martina Navratilova did so in 2004.

Williams last competed at a Grand Slam at the 2023 US Open, where she lost in

the first round. She has not won a match at the American major since 2019.

She has won the singles title

twice in her storied career, which came in 2000 and 2001. In total, Williams has won seven major singles championships and 14 women's doubles — all of which came alongside her sister, Serena, who is the greatest women's tennis player of all-time with 23 career Grand Slam titles.



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FILE PHOTO

Venus Williams (USA) serves during a match at the 2024 Miami Open.



# Meet 7 soccer content creators who are changing the game in NYC



BY JONATHAN MAK  
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Soccer continues to grow across the United States, and a wave of content creators is helping shape the conversation around the beautiful game — on and off the pitch — bringing local flair, global perspective, and fan-driven storytelling to the heart of the sport.

Here are some of their stories.

## Matty Farias (Instagram: @mattyfc)

This year, Farias announced on Instagram to his more than 280,000 followers that he had quit his job in cybersecurity to pursue content creation full time.

Since that announcement, he has seen his club, Manchester United, reach and lose a Europa League final; suited up to interview Brazilian legend Thiago Silva during the Club World Cup; and met — and interviewed — half the United squad during their U.S. preseason tour.

"I was very shook when I got the opportunity [to interview Silva], I'm not gonna lie," Farias said in an interview with amNewYork. "I'm very grateful that I got it, and it kind of opened a door and also an interest for me. I never even thought I could do this, or never knew I even enjoyed this."

Farias is a self-proclaimed "yapper" who made a few "silly" YouTube videos with his cousins when he was eight. In 2022, he started posting on TikTok after deciding to launch a side gig combining his love for speaking and soccer.

## Lilibeth Rendon (Instagram: @lilibethstar)

Three years ago, unhappy with her full-time job, Rendon went to bars during the 2022 World Cup, interviewed fans, and experienced the excitement of watching their countries play in one of the world's biggest sporting events.

"I was not happy with what I was doing. It wasn't working," Rendon told amNewYork. "And I love sports. I love to talk about sports. I just want to be wherever there are sports."

This summer at the Club World Cup, Rendon fulfilled a dream by covering Real Madrid — as a Madridista herself — for Area Sports Network, flying across the country to support and report on her team. But balancing a full-time job with coverage wasn't easy, and she had to take paid time off to attend matches.

Rendon is one of the few female content creators in the space, and despite support from her peers, she still finds it "challenging."

## Alfardy Ali (Instagram: @alfardy.ig)

Ali started off making TikTok in college, playing soccer with friends at the scenic Pier 5 pitch near the Brooklyn Bridge. He went viral after realizing viewers loved the iconic Manhattan skyline in the background.

He used that momentum to share relatable, personal content and has grown to more than 47,000 followers. Ali aims to continue telling New York's soccer stories because "the community here has always been big,"



PHOTO COURTESY OF RAHEEM TAYLOR-PARKES

he told amNewYork.

"As big as New York is, the soccer community is small, and the soccer creator community is even smaller," Ali said. "It's like having a little family. Everyone is so caring, nice, and trying to help you. Everyone wants to see everyone have fun, enjoy, and experience all these amazing things."

He has worked with Pelé Soccer Shop and Puma, helped drive a giveaway bus distributing Club World Cup kits, and interviewed Gotham FC players pitchside. He also covered matches at MetLife Stadium this summer, highlighting the passionate fans who showed up.

## Raheem Taylor-Parkes (Instagram: @raheemovic)

Originally from Toronto, Taylor-Parkes started playing soccer at eight, moved to Tampa, FL, at nine, and

joined U.S. Under-14 national team camps alongside Christian Pulisic and Weston McKennie. But his professional career took a winding path.

In 2019, he had a provisional contract with FC Stade Lausanne-Ouchy in Switzerland but couldn't sign due to visa issues. The pandemic hit in 2020. His agent told him he couldn't declare for the 2021 MLS SuperDraft. After a trial with Inter Miami, he was told he wasn't cut out for the MLS.

Then, after accompanying Pulisic to his EA Sports FIFA 23 shoot in London, he found a new path.

"I didn't know at the time what I wanted to do, but I knew that whatever I did, I wanted this to be creative and a part of the beautiful game," Taylor-Parkes told amNewYork. "Because if I wasn't able to be a pro and impact the game as a pro, I'd want to do it with my voice."

With more than 35,000 Instagram followers, Fadl is a fixture outside NYCFC and Red Bulls games. He's

## Ahmed Fadl (Instagram: @pharaohstalks)

Fadl grew up under the guidance of his father and coach, playing for Egypt's youth national team setup before moving to the U.S. in 2016 and playing for Rockland Community College.

An ankle injury sidelined him, and he turned to coaching. With help from his mom, PharaohTalks began interviewing fans in Times Square, balancing full-time work and content creation with help from his trusty Google Calendar.

"I love seeing that people love what I do," Fadl told amNewYork. "That motivates me. I need to be more creative, try new ideas, and be different. I want something nobody else has."

With more than 35,000 Instagram followers, Fadl is a fixture outside NYCFC and Red Bulls games. He's

preparing for next year's World Cup while continuing to elevate soccer's presence in New York.

## John Shin (Instagram: @goodvibesjohn)

Shin found his love for soccer through his grandfather, a die-hard fan of Park Ji-sung, the tireless Korean midfielder nicknamed "Three Lungs Park." Park's goal against Portugal in the 2002 World Cup remains Shin's earliest memory of the game.

"My love and admiration grew for him even more because I come from a family of immigrants who worked their entire lives to provide for the family," Shin said in an interview with amNewYork. "For immigrant families, those things are real."

He won and appeared multiple times on Stretford Paddock over the last 10 years, one of the biggest Manchester United fan YouTube channels.

## Maria-Isabelle Parada — (Instagram: @sportsgirlnyc)

Parada grew up in soccer-crazy Colombia, and her earliest memory is the 2001 Copa América, when Colombia hosted and won the tournament.

With degrees in journalism and marketing, she began her content journey by livestreaming fan reactions during the 2016 Copa América in the U.S.

Parada said the content creation community in New York has made a difference in her journey.

"I've heard from creators in California who say, 'Oh my god, you guys in New York have such a united group of content creators.'"

She now regularly covers NYCFC matches and has also worked with the New York Mets.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACK CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH KOOK LEE AKA JOSEPH LEE, ET AL., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 17, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Courtroom 711, Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on September 8, 2025 at 2:15 PM, premises known as 3355 Perry Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3343 and Lot 152. Approximate amount of judgment \$943, 243.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #815486/2022E. Scott H. Siller, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001273 86526

**NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT**

In a Loan Security Agreement dated FEBRUARY 15, 2006 executed by THELMA RANDALL, GERARD P. RANDALL, SHAWN RANDALL, debtor to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2021-3, secured party via assignment, will cause a public sale of the security consisting of 1050 shares of stock plus Parking Space and/or Garage, if applicable, of Clinton Mews Owners Corp. all right title and interest in and to a Proprietary Lease between said Corporation and debtor for Unit 4-E in the building known as 372 DEKALB AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11205 together with all fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said apartment on September 4, 2025 at 10:00am at the Kings County Supreme Court, Outside on courthouse steps on Adams Street, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, in satisfaction of an indebtedness. Apartment is sold "AS IS" AND POSSESSION TO BE OBTAINED BY THE PURCHASER. Said sale is subject to: payment of all sums due, if any, to Clinton Mews Owners Corp. and the consent if necessary, of said corporation; any existing tenancy; payment of all expenses and fees of the secured party with respect thereto; terms of sale and auctioneers fees; flip tax; State, City and County transfer tax. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Terms: an official bank or certified check made payable to Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC., for ten (10%) percent of the price bid. No cash accepted.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A. as Trustee to Lehman XS Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-17, Plaintiff

AGAINST

Melvin Romero; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 24, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 711, Bronx, New York 10451 on August 25, 2025, at 2:15PM, premises known as 4544 Richardson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10470. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5081 Lot 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$1, 019, 838.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 805548/2023E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.

Leticia Arzu, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP

Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

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Rochester, New York 14624  
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Dated: July 15, 2025

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-FRE1, Plaintiff

AGAINST

Annmari Legall a/k/a Ann Marie Legall; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered January 17, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, on the second floor in Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on August 22, 2025, at 11:00AM, premises known as 116-34 Marsden Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 12335 Lot 113. Approximate amount of judgment \$661, 189.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 708759/2023.

Richard M. Gutierrez, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC

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Dated: July 1, 2025

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff AGAINST TREVOR DAVIS; ET AL., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 30, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, on the second floor in Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on August 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM, premises known as 114-29 158th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the 4th Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block: 12195 Lot: 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$620, 632.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #713015/2019. For sale information, please visit

Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Stephanie Goldstone, Esq., Referee Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Rochester, NY 14614 XNSRC060 86156

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS. THE JY 4 L.P., Plif v. 78-19 JAMAICA AVENUE LLC, et al., Defts.**

Index No. 711940/2016 . pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated December 12, 2024 and entered on December 18, 2024, I will sell at public auction public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, New York, Courtroom 25, on September 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., prem. k/a 78-19 Jamaica Avenue, Woodhaven, NY 11421 (Block 8842, Lot 147). Approx. amt of judgment is \$ 853, 984.28 together with interest, plus costs, attorneys' fees and interest, less any payments received. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed Judgment, Queens County Foreclosure Auction Rules and terms of sale, Martha Taylor, Esq., Referee. Jacobowitz Newman Tversky LLP, Attys. for Plaintiff, 377 Pearsall Ave., Ste C, Cedarhurst, NY.

**SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021 F, MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2021 F, Plaintiff against ROSALIE DEMARTINO AKA ROSALIE DE MARTINO AKA ROSALIE M. DEMARTINO; TINA DEMARTINO, et al Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated July 11, 2025 and entered on July 16, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Courtroom 711, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, 10451 on September 15, 2025 at 2:15 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5327 Lot 18.

Said premises known as 1112 CLARENCE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10465

Approximate amount of lien \$758, 777.79 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 814376/2023E.

YESENIA BARRANTES-ISIBOR, ESQ. Referee

Pincus & Tarab

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS**

INDEX NO. 703663/2021

Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

10016 27TH AVE EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369-0000

Block: 1659 Lot: 4

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., F/K/A WACHOVIA

MORTGAGE FSB F/K/A WORLD SAVINGS BANK,

FSB,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GAIL FRANCIS, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF

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HANNA, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$400, 000.00 and interest, recorded on November 13, 2007 at CRFN 2007000565379 of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 10016 27TH AVE EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369-0000.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: July 15th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 813273/2024E**

COUNTY OF BRONX

Plaintiff designates BRONX as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

1511 BOSTON ROAD, BRONX, NY 10460

Block: 2939, Lot: 31

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF BRONX COUNTY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN POINTER A/K/A JOAN L. POINTER; GLENN POINTER, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN POINTER A/K/A JOAN L. POINTER, if living, and if she/ he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or 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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Self-storage Cube contents will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for the owner, 34-38 38th street Long Island City, NY 11101 to satisfy a lien for rental on August 26, 2025 at approx. 10 AM at www.storage-treasures.com. The contents of approximately 7 units will be sold.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**  
INDEX NO. 811134/2023E  
COUNTY OF BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED P A S S - T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-W9,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

DAVE M. JAMES, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,  
Defendants.

Plaintiff designates BRONX as the place of trial situs of the real property

### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:  
831 EAST 219TH STREET,  
BRONX, NY 10467  
Block: 4678, Lot: 24

To the above named Defendants  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

### NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$238,500.00 and interest, recorded on August 05, 2004, in CRFN 2004000481391, of the Public Records of BRONX County, New York, covering premises known as 831 EAST 219TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10467.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

BRONX County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

### NOTICE

**YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: July 11th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

Jinghan Zhang, Esq.

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Westbury, NY 11590

516-280-7675

**SUMMONS IN TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX-NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, et al.,** Plaintiffs, against **UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF AMALIA DEVITO, if living, et al.,** Defendants. Index No. 33734/2020E. To the above-named Defendants -**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty days after service is completed if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Plaintiffs designate Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county in which the property a lien upon which is being foreclosed is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to the Order of the Hon. Matthew Parker-Raso J.S.C., dated June 11, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a New York City Tax Lien covering the premises located at Block 3990 Lot 67 on the Tax Map of Bronx County and is also known as 1627 Parker Street, Bronx, New York. Dated: June 16, 2025.

BRONSTER LLP,

Attorney for Plaintiffs, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS

COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST,

By: Josef F. Abt, Esq.

156 West 56th Street, Suite 703

New York, NY 10019

(347) 246-4776

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that licensenumberNA-0340-25-115680, for RESTAURANT LIQUOR has been applied for by the undersigned to sell [LIQUOR] at retail in a RESTAURANT under the alcoholic beverage control law at 559 5TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11215 for on-premises consumption. TAQUERIA MADRE PATRIA INC. DBA: TAQUERIA "QUE ONDA" 559 5TH AVE, BROOKLYN NY 11215

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a license, Application ID NA-0370-25-123814, for liquor, wine, beer and cider has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at retail in a tavern under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 10-40 46th Ave., Long Island City, county of Queens, for on premises consumption. Signed: Retro Recess LLC d/b/a Retro Recess.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a license, Application ID NA-0340-25-121162, for liquor, wine, beer and cider has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 94 Ave. A, New York, county of New York, for on premises consumption. Signed: Corner Bistro East, LLC d/b/a Corner Bistro East.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a license, Serial # NA-0370-24-131288, for On Premises Liquor has been

applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Bar/Tavern under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3819 69th St., Woodside, NY 11377. Queens County, for on-premises consumption. 8848 Restaurant & Bar Inc.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a license, ID # NA-0370-25-123435, for On Premises Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned, to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Bar/Tavern under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 81-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Queens County, for on premise consumption. Whitexicans Restaurant & Bar Corp. 81-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that licensenumberNA-0240-25-120187, for RESTAURANT WINE has been applied for by the undersigned to sell WINE at retail in a RESTAURANT under the alcoholic beverage control law at 52-03 METROPOLITAN AVE, RIDGEWOOD, NY 11385 for on-premises consumption. CARNITAS N FIESTA INC. DBA: RESTAURANT CARNITAS & FIESTA 52-03 METROPOLITAN AVE, RIDGEWOOD NY 11385

**Notice of Formation of Blue Lotus Studios, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 21, 2025. Office location: New York County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 172 E 85th St, Apt 2, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Latest date of dissolution: None.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: VOZLINK SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/10/2025 Office Location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Magaly Torrez 1100 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, 10456, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of Dough Diner LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of New York (SSNY) on June 6, 2025. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC c/o 254 5th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., -against- HARRY O'BERRY A K A HARRY E. O'BERRY, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on April 18, 2017, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and HARRY O'BERRY, ET AL., are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at

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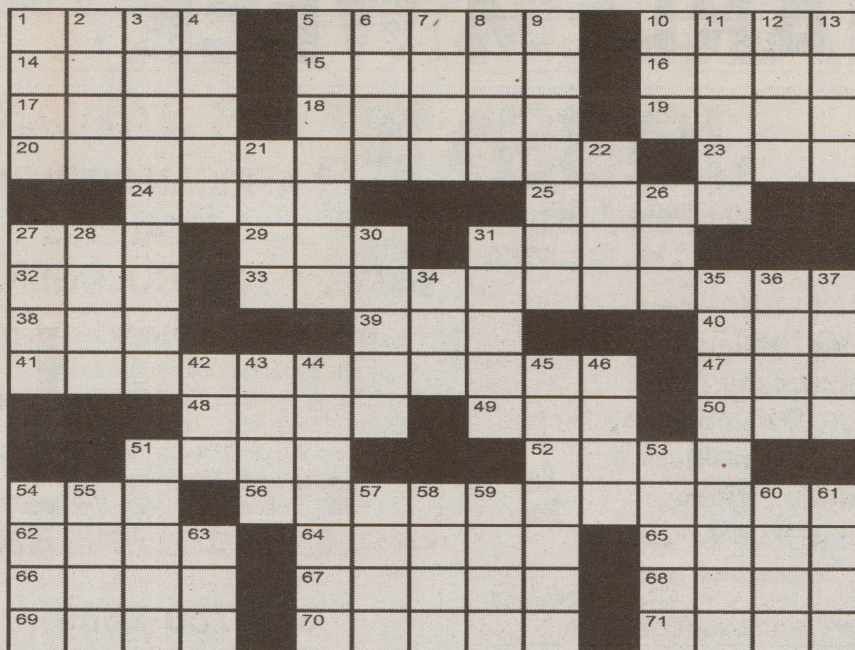
## Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1 "Read my \_\_\_!"  
5 Clicked-on images  
10 Starter courses, for short  
14 Actress Fisher  
15 Work of written fiction  
16 Lose hold of  
17 "I \_\_\_ lucky today"  
18 Frighten  
19 Medicinal amount  
20 Poker variety: 3 wds.  
23 Middle size: Abbr.  
24 Notion  
25 Presidential privilege  
27 Hook for hanging things  
29 Group with pollution standards: Abbr.  
31 Grocery section  
32 "\_\_\_ be glad to!"  
33 Stick-to-it-iveness  
38 Airport agency: Abbr.  
39 Altoids holder  
40 Ancient  
41 Bits on hamburger buns: 2 wds.  
47 Our star
- 48 Like crayons and candles  
49 Lion's home  
50 Brewed drink  
51 Maryland athlete  
52 Bubbly drink  
54 Supportive undergarment  
56 Fitness items for swinging  
62 Wealthy  
64 Cringe in fear  
65 Water, in Spanish  
66 China's continent  
67 Special surprise  
68 Taste of a lollipop  
69 Brooklyn's NBA team  
70 Looks for  
71 Seize

### Down

- 1 Squat or bench press  
2 "Got it": 2 wds.  
3 Shatter-resistant material  
4 Cobb or Caesar  
5 Physically fit: 2 wds.  
6 2017 Pixar film  
7 The \_\_\_ Office  
8 Geek  
9 Arms of a shirt  
10 Contribute  
11 TV ad, e.g.



- 12 Yoga stance  
13 Raced  
21 Flow slowly (through)  
22 Unfreeze  
26 Even score  
27 Cherry centers  
28 "Need anything \_\_\_?"  
30 Bohemian  
31 Had a fancy meal

- 34 "Sprechen \_\_\_ Deutsch?"  
35 Longing for the past  
36 Hint  
37 Author Ferber  
42 Astonishment  
43 Test grade  
44 Looks forward to  
45 Abandons  
46 Snooty person

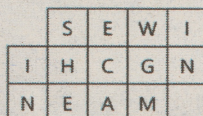
- 51 Unspoken  
53 Handed cards out  
54 Muffin ingredient  
55 Stand up  
57 Ripped  
58 Overly cute  
59 Plumbing problem  
60 Good fortune  
61 "For Pete's \_\_\_!"  
63 Possesses

## Horoscopes

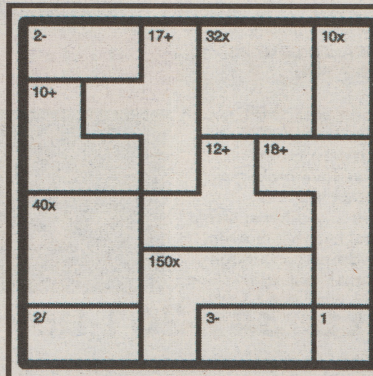
- Aries** Pay more attention to taking care of your responsibilities and less to adding to your to-do list. Organization and discipline are necessary to maintain your reputation. A clean slate will help you avoid criticism.
- Taurus** Emotions will surface regarding domestic and personal affairs. Don't waste time on matters over which you have no control. Follow your heart and do what makes you happy.
- Gemini** An open mind will keep you aware of the possibilities. Converse with people in the know, and you'll discover something that will make life choices easier. Be observant and thorough.
- Cancer** Look at every angle before you make a move. Walk away from excessive suggestions and avoid taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you.
- Leo** You have the wherewithal to be successful, but first, you must determine what that means to you. It's time to make yourself happy and to let others fend for themselves.
- Virgo** Volunteer, do your part and see what happens. The people you meet will lead to new possibilities. Engage in discussions, offer suggestions and showcase your skills.
- Libra** Push hard when energy is a requirement to get things done on time and your way. Take control, do your thing and stop waiting for someone else to step in and do things for you.
- Scorpio** Engage in events or pastimes that will help hone your assets. Travel, reunions and personal growth will help you discover what's missing in your life and how to turn things around that are holding you back.
- Sagittarius** A change will spark your imagination and interests. Home improvements that you can do yourself will be the most rewarding. Invest wisely in yourself, and you can thrive.
- Capricorn** Show compassion and understanding, and you'll gain insight into what others want and need to support your demands. Life is about clarity, honesty and free will, not conquest and orders.
- Aquarius** Be careful making promises. Don't offer anything you can't deliver. A change at home can save you money. A lucrative opportunity is within reach. Extend your thoughts and put your plans in motion.
- Pisces** Spend less time analyzing and pontificating and more time doing. What you accomplish will have an impact on the people you encounter and the reputation you are building.

## Wander Word

Category: Invention



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### HOW TO PLAY

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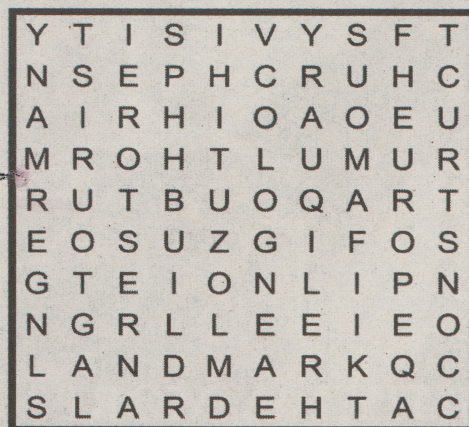
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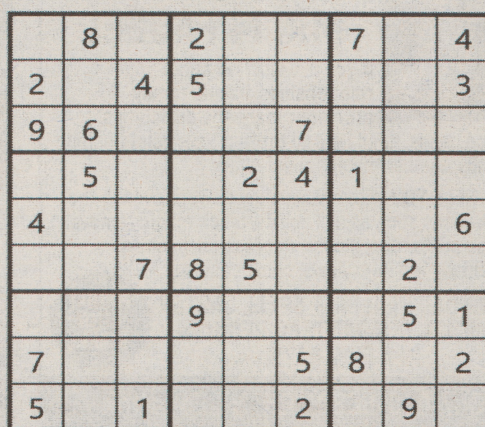


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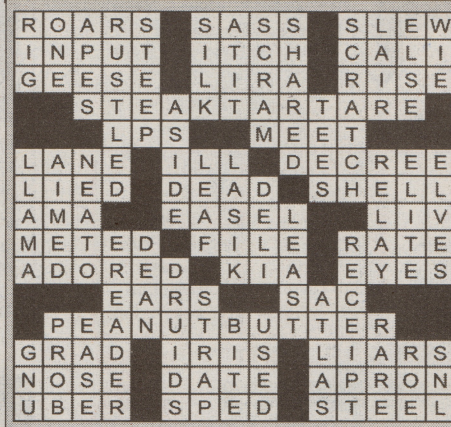
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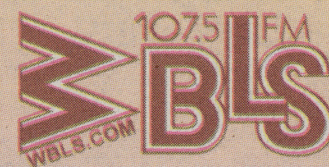
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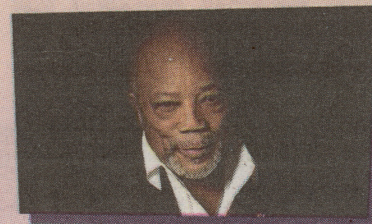
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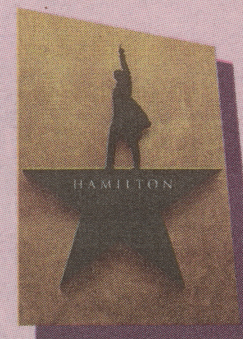
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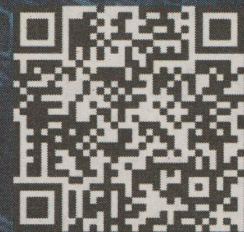
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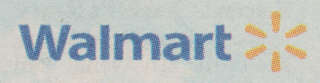


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# How Harlem's Rucker Park became *the mecca of streetball*



Players compete at a basketball game at historic Rucker Park in Harlem.

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## Ties to NBA history

The Rucker Pro League, which Rucker founded in 1954, became the offseason home for many NBA players, like Nate Archibald. They played against New York's streetball legends. Chamberlain played at the park in the late-1950s, before his NBA debut. Later, Erving and Willis Reed would also play in the league.

No one described the Rucker Pro League better than Jarrod Jonsrud in his 2011 essay on Rucker: "By pitting the top amateurs against the biggest stars professional basketball had to offer the Rucker Pro League reproduced a classic archetypal struggle between David and Goliath."

The tournament's reputation grew.

"If you're a hooper, your dream was to play at that park," Corey "Homicide" Williams told the New York Times in 2021.

"The basketball culture in New York City is everything," Bronx rapper Fat Joe told Complex. "Every summer, all attention goes there and everybody comes out to the Rucker."

Over the years, several NBA stars stopped by. Kobe Bryant made a surprise ap-

pearance in 2002. LeBron James, Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony were scheduled to play what would have been the greatest streetball game of all time in 2003, but the game didn't happen because of a historic power outage.

## Rucker Park as a national landmark

The Holcombe Rucker Park Commemorative Site Act, which commemorated the park's legacy as an American basketball mecca, was passed in September 2024 and signed into law in January.

"Basketball is truly 'The City Game,'" U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer said when Rucker Park was designated as a national commemorative site. "And nowhere is this made more real or spectacular or eye-popping, high-fiving, towel-waving, fall-off-the-stands amazing than at the world-renown Rucker Tournaments."

Since the 1950s, basketball's current and future stars have graced the court on 155th Street — a sacred space for the sport that allowed it to proliferate, not only in Harlem, but around New York City and across the United States.



BY MILES BOLTON  
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Holcombe Rucker Park is nestled in the triangle of the Harlem River, 155th Street and the part of Eighth Avenue known as Frederick Douglass Boulevard. At first glance, the Greg Marius Court looks like every neighborhood basketball court in New York City. But there's a story here.

Rucker Park is where streetball thrived through the mid-20th century. It was where up-and-coming hoopers put their names on the map. It was where many NBA legends once spent their summers. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Julius Erving,

Stephon Marbury, Kobe Bryant and Wilt Chamberlain all played here. In New York sports history, the court is just as significant as the ghosts of the hallowed sports grounds nearby — the Polo Grounds and old Yankee Stadium.

Its legacy was cemented in January, as former President Joseph R. Biden Jr., in one of his final acts as commander-in-chief, signed a bill to designate Rucker Park as a National Commemorative site.

## Holcombe Rucker's legacy

Located on the former site of the 8th Avenue Railroad Company, the park opened in 1956 as a playground for the then-adja-

cent P.S. 156.

Rucker Park is named after Holcombe Rucker, an NYC Parks playground director who founded basketball tournaments at the court and mentored generations of players. According to New York City's Department of Parks & Recreation, Rucker believed the tournaments had a positive impact on local youth in the summer, when school wasn't in session.

The most well-known of these tournaments was The Rucker Tournament, which Rucker founded in 1950. "Each one, teach one," was Rucker's motto. He guided players academically. He helped secure scholarships for more than 700 players

through The Rucker.

Rucker passed away in 1965, at the age of 38.



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Fresh off helping the Los Angeles Lakers win three straight NBA titles, Kobe Bryant made a famous appearance at Rucker Park during a summer game in 2002.





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**11:00am | Buffet Lunch & Registration**

**12:00pm | Tee Time | Scramble Format**

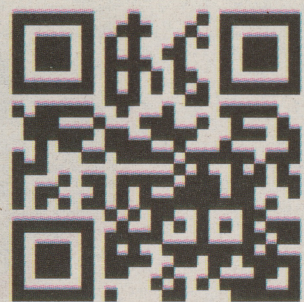
**6:00pm | Dinner and Awards**

**Cost: \$300 Per Golfer**

**\$1,200 per Foursome**

**\$100- Reception & Dinner**

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## IN HARLEM

**WHEN: SATURDAYS AUGUST 9TH & AUGUST 16TH**

**TIME: 7AM TO 3PM**

**WHERE:**

- EAST 109TH ST. BETWEEN LEXINGTON AVE. AND MADISON AVE.
- 5TH AVE. BETWEEN 109TH ST. AND 110TH ST.
- WEST 110TH ST. BETWEEN 5TH AVE. AND A.C. POWELL JR. BLVD.
- A.C. POWELL JR. BLVD. BETWEEN 110TH ST. TO WEST 125TH ST.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1PM TO 3PM ,  
AUGUST 9TH**

FEATURED PERFORMERS AT 125TH ST. & A.C. POWELL BLVD.  
**SING HARLEM**



**SATURDAY, AFTERNOON 1PM TO 3PM,  
AUGUST 16TH**

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**NATIONAL JAZZ MUSEUM IN HARLEM ALL STARS**  
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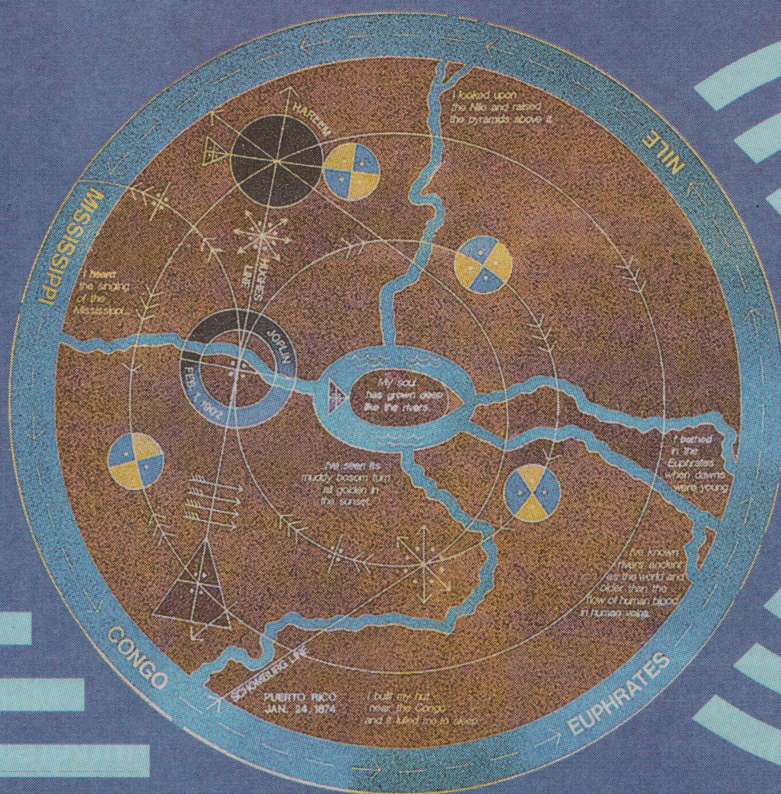
Lloyd Williams and Anthony Watson, Executive Director of the Manhattan EOC, share a proud moment at the Manhattan EOC's 50th Anniversary Gala.

**The Manhattan EOC commemorates Lloyd Williams, the CEO and President of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and the Co-Founder of Harlem Week.**

**We express our heartfelt gratitude for his long-time support of the Manhattan EOC. His unwavering dedication, compassion, and leadership have positively impacted many lives in the Harlem community.**

**Mr. Williams inspired hope, and his legacy will endure. For this, the Manhattan EOC is forever grateful.**





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